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MR. EDEN ON AID TO GREECE: NO TRUTH IN THE MALICIOUS REPORTS OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CHIEFS

Yugoslav Mobilisation Before Coup D'etat Was Too Slow

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter)—SPEAKING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THIS AFTERNOON, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAID THAT THERE WAS NOT A WORD OF TRUTH IN THE MALICIOUS REPORTS OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE CHIEF OF THE IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF, MR. EDEN AND THE THREE COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF—MIDDLE EAST, MEDITERRANEAN AND THE AIR OFFICER COMMANDING—REGARDING HELP TO GREECE.

Mr. Eden said that General Jan Smuts, the South African Premier, went to Cairo on his invitation and Gen. Smuts had authorised him to say that he, too, was in complete agreement with the decision to help Greece.

THE YUGOSLAV MOBILISATION BEFORE THE COUP D'ETAT DID NOT PROCEED FAST ENOUGH, DESPITE REPEATED ASSURANCES.

Only after the coup was the urgent effort made to get the Yugoslav armies ready. It was then too late to stop the German drive.

Mr. Eden said that he had been deeply impressed by the loyal friendship of Turkish statesmen and their determination to stand firm against any menace to their sovereignty or any infringement of their rights and interests.

He was sure that Turkey, to the alliance with Britain remained the basis of Turkish foreign policy.

Nazis Claim Occupation Of Greek Is.

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter)—The German News Agency states that units of the German Army occupied the Greek Islands of Mytilene and Chios yesterday.

These islands lie in the Aegean Sea of the Turkish coast to the south of the Dardanelles.

INTENSE BARRAGE

ALEXANDRIA, May 6 (Reuter)—On Sunday night, enemy aircraft flew over Alexandria and were met with a most intense anti-aircraft barrage. There were no casualties or damage.

GENERALS DISMISSED

CRETE, May 6 (Reuter)—Six Greek generals, including the Quising premier General Tsolakoglou, have been dismissed from the Greek Army for signing the armistice with the enemy.

LATEST NAZI DEMAND ON VICHY

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter)—The Nazi demand on the Vichy Government, according to reports in diplomatic circles in Washington, are for air and sea bases in Morocco, states the NEW YORK TIMES.

The newspaper adds that Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan are again at loggerheads about the extent to which the collaboration with Germany should go.



British conditions for a Turkish mediation in Iraq was the withdrawal of Iraqi forces. When this had been done and fighting ceased, the British Government were prepared to discuss the fulfilment of their treaty rights which the British Government made plain they were, in all circumstances, determined to maintain.

Mr. Eden welcomed the immense step forward by the decision of the United States to send ships through the Red Sea.

Volunteer Home Guard In Australia

SYDNEY, May 6 (Reuter)—The Australian Army Minister, Mr. P. C. Spender, announced the approval of the formation of a Volunteer Home Guard as an integral part of Home defence.

Men forming Australia's Home Guard, will mostly be returned soldiers. The service will be for the duration of the war, but full time service will not be demanded. Eligible ages are from 18 years to 60.

OLD GERMAN GUNS

Many thousands of old German guns and relics of the last war are being handed over by the Municipal Council for conversion into munitions. (Thus this large quantity of iron and steel will shortly return to Germany from whence it originally came but it is felt here that the return will not be welcomed.)

ANZAC GENERAL MADE C-IN-C IN CRETE

CANEA, Crete, May 6 (Reuter)—Allied forces in Crete are now under the command of the New Zealand General, Major-General C. B. Freyberg, V.C., Commander-in-Chief of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

This is announced in the following Order of the Day by the Greek Prime Minister and War Minister, Dr. Emmanuel Tsouderos: "In order better to conduct the struggle which we have undertaken with our powerful ally, Great Britain, His Majesty King George and his Government have decided that the Allied troops of the island be placed under a single command."

"Major-General Freyberg has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the forces of the island."

PRODUCING STEEL FASTER THAN ALL

NEW YORK, May 6 (Reuter)—THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, one of the greatest industrial organisations in the world, is now producing steel faster than all the steel-mills of Germany and at a rate equal to the combined productive capacity of Britain, France, and Belgium at the beginning of the war.

This amazing disclosure was made by the Corporation's Chairman, Mr. Irving E. Olds, and quoted in the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS.

RED ARMY REARMED

MOSCOW, May 6 (Reuter)—M. Stalin personally attended the May 5th Graduation ceremony for the Red Army Academy students, where, in a 40-minute speech, he emphasised that on the basis of experience of modern warfare, the Red Army has been re-organised and considerably rearmoured.

An enthusiastic ovation greeted M. Stalin when he concluded the speech.

ORGANISATION OF FREE RUMANIANS

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter)—An organisation of Free Rumanians has been formed in London under the Chairmanship of M. Victor Cornet, called the Rumanian Democratic Committee.

It is appealing to young Rumanians to form a fighting unit to join up with the Allied forces in the war against Germany and is helping to organise the resistance to German occupation in Rumania.

The Committee is linked with the organised Democratic forces of Opposition in Rumania and with 400,000 Rumanians in the United States.

CAROL'S ABDICATION

The Committee repudiates the dictatorship at Home and regards the abdication of King Carol as final.

In the post-war settlement of the Balkans, it stands for the Democratic under constitutional monarchy in Rumania.

Leaders of the Rumanian Democratic Committee, in addition to M. Cornet are L. N. Christea, N. V. Gheorghiu, Ipodea and D. G. Mateescu, former Economic Attache to the Rumanian Legation in London.

STORY OF CLASH BETWEEN HITLER & MR. MATSUOKA

The story of a clash between HERR HITLER and MR. MATSUOKA, Japanese Foreign Minister, during the latter's recent visit to Berlin, was published by the NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, says Reuter.

The story, coming from that paper's Tokyo correspondent, says that Herr Hitler raged and pounded with his fist on the table when Mr. Matsuoaka refused the Fuehrer's invitation to join immediately in an attack on Britain.

The correspondent reports a member of Mr. Matsuoaka's party as saying:

"Herr Hitler became heated and shouted that Britain must be defeated and was finally so carried away that it seemed he did not know to whom he was talking."

The despatch adds that the Japanese Government is increasingly resisting the demands by the eight members of the German Delegation which followed Mr. Matsuoaka back to Tokyo.

TALES IN AUSTRALIA

TOKYO, May 6 (Reuter)—Asked whether Mr. Tatsuoka Kawai, Japanese Minister to Australia, had discussed definite questions with the Australian authorities envisaging a new trade agreement, Mr. Koh Ishii, Deputy spokesman, asserted that Mr. Kawai had conferred on general questions regarding Japanese-Australian relations and he added that it may be "possible" the Japanese Minister had touched also on the increase of wool shipments to Japan.

Questioned whether Mr. Matsuoaka will change his mind about visiting the United States, Mr. Ishii stated that he could not add to what Mr. Matsuoaka had already declared.

INDO-CHINA AGREEMENT

Commenting on the Japan-Indo-China agreement, the ASAHI SHIMBUN declares that the Indo-China authorities should bear in mind the fact that they stand

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GOVERNMENT RICE CONTROL MUST BE IMMEDIATE: POOR CANNOT WAIT

BY A STAFF REPORTER

"THE GOVERNMENT'S MONOPOLY SCHEME IS FOREDOOMED TO FAILURE UNLESS THERE IS GOING TO BE BETTER SUPERVISION AND A MUCH STRICTER CONTROL THAN AT PRESENT," said a prominent Chinese merchant, when asked his opinion of the latest Government scheme to control the local rice market.

"There has as yet been no official statement as to what Government intend to do and I am, therefore, only able to speak on what I could gather from the notification issued during the last week-end.

FARCEFUL CONTROL

"If Government simply intend to control the importation and exportation of rice, and leave the distribution in the hands of the retailers, then they have better forget the whole idea. The existing farcical 'price control' should have shown Government that merely fixing the wholesale and retail prices would not remedy the situation nor curb profiteering, by a long chalk.

"What I would suggest is that Government either take over the retail business as well, or else have only two qualities of rice on the market—one priced at about eight catties to a dollar and the other at about ten. No other quality should be permitted to be sold by any of the retailers."

Questioned as to what he proposed should be done with the

stock of higher grade rice, now being sold at about \$28 per picul, stocked by the retailers, the informant replied: "The Government would, of course, have to take over all stocks before putting their monopoly into force. Those desirous of purchasing a better grade of this cereal would have to buy them direct from Government at a price fixed by Government. This, I think, is the only way to put an end to this mixing racket."

PRICES MUCH HIGHER

One of the Chinese gentlemen interviewed by the Hongkong Daily Press in December last, when the situation was beginning to show signs of deterioration, told our reporter yesterday that "the Government should never have instituted price control if they thought 'profiteering impossible of adequate control.' The prices today are considerably higher than in December last."

"Another point I fail to understand," he went on to say, "is how Government arrive at the prices fixed for different grades of rice. Are the invoices and shipping documents

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Indians In Heart Of Mountainous Abyssinia

SIMLA, May 6 (Reuter)—Indian troops have now advanced some 250 miles south of ASMARARA into the heart of the mountainous vastnesses of Northern Abyssinia, says a Press note.

The advance continues along winding tracks, up sides of peaks, some of which rise over 10,000 feet, through deep gorges where the enemy uses every advantage given him by the terrain in a series of desperate delaying actions.

The mountain of Amba Alagi, the present objective of the Imperial Forces, towers to 11,000 feet and over a part of the approach there is only one road. A bridgehead on the road was rapidly secured by a squadron of Indian mechanised cavalry.

A laconic description of this action by one of those who took part therein says:

"In a raid at dawn, we moved forward and reached the bridgehead without much opposition. The enemy opened a machine-gun fire which we silenced with a counter-fire. The troop then went forward, secured the feature overlooking the area and was quickly reinforced."

"Enemy colonial troops, though few in number, tried to counter-attack, but we broke up this with machine-gun fire."

The active clearing of road blocks and other obstacles by Indian sappers and miners continues and these devoted men are constantly risking their lives to maintain the speed of our advance.

CINEMAS VISITED

Meanwhile, Indian units in Asmara are fraternising with the local population, buying souvenirs and visiting cafes and cinemas.

NEW GOVERNOR OF BURMA

RANGOON, May 6 (Reuter)—Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, the new Governor of Burma, was sworn in today on taking up office.

SIR A. COCHRANE

Commander the Hon. Sir Archibald Cochrane, retiring Governor of Burma, and the Hon. Lady Cochrane have arrived in the Colony from Rangoon and are staying at Government House as guests of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote.

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Heavy Damage In Raid On Clydeside

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter)—On Monday night large scale enemy air attacks were made on Britain. An Air Ministry communique says that CLYDESIDE was the main objective, while attacks were also made on the MERSEYSIDE and NORTHERN IRELAND. The Clydeside attack was heavy and much damage was done, but the Merseyside attack was smaller, though considerable damage was done.

Bombs were dropped on many places elsewhere, particularly in East, North-East and South-West England, but there was no concentrated attack on these areas. There were a number of casualties in Clydeside and Merseyside, but elsewhere casualties were not heavy.

Seven enemy aircraft are known to have been destroyed by R.A.F. fighters during the night and one over Northern France.

MANNHEIM ATTACKED

R.A.F. attacks on WESTERN GERMANY last night were directed against industrial towns in the middle Rhine region, with MANN-

HEIM as the principal target where a large number of incendiary bombs and high explosives were dropped.

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN was also attacked.

On the coast of France, bombs were dropped on the docks at BOULOGNE and CHERBOURG.

From these operations no British aircraft is missing.

BALLOON BARRAGE

A formation of enemy aircraft attacked the Dover balloon barrage this morning. The raiders were met by very heavy anti-aircraft fire and at least one of them was hit.

Today's News Summary

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS yesterday, Mr. Eden, Foreign Secretary, stated that there was no truth in the malicious reports that there were differences between himself and the Chief of the Imperial General Staff over the question of sending aid to Greece.

GERMAN RAIDERS caused heavy damage to the Clydeside area on Monday night while Merseyside was again attacked. Mannheim was the principal target in North-West Germany for British bombers while Boulogne and Cologne were also visited.

THE STORY OF a clash between Herr Hitler and Mr. Matsuoaka, during the Japanese Foreign Minister's visit to Berlin, is reported in an American newspaper.

THE NETHERLANDS Foreign Minister, Dr. Van Kleffens, broadcast to the people of the N.E.I. declaring that the Netherlands East Indies was prepared to fight if necessary.

IN A FIGHTING speech, Senator Pepper (Democratic) said that the time had come for America to get tough and he urged that President Roosevelt should declare a state of national emergency.

ROTARY TIFFIN:

Rotarian Cressall Gives A Humorous Account Of His Experiences On The Bench In Two British Colonies

THE HONGKONG ROTARY CLUB HELD THEIR WEEKLY TIFFIN MEETING YESTERDAY WHEN THE SPEAKER was the new Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, Rotarian Cressall, who is a past President of the Jaffa-Tel Aviv Rotary Club in Palestine, gave a very interesting and humorous account of his experiences on the Bench in two British Colonies, his talk being entitled "Reminiscences of a Colonial Judge in British Guiana and Palestine."

Rotarian Dr. Arthur W. Woo presided, and accepted in the course of the meeting a flag from the Bangkok Rotary Club presented by Rotarian B. C. Lawrence, on behalf of Rotarian Hansen of the Bangkok Rotary Club, who was not able to be present.

Rotarian Lt.-Col. E. S. Doughty announced a decision taken by the Directors of the Hongkong Rotary Club to set aside a sum of U.S.\$2,500 to purchase an ambulance for Chungking as a donation to the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives Productive Relief Fund. The Directors, Rotarian Doughty announced, had also authorised that a sum of £1,000 be cabled Home toward the purchase of a travelling canteen.

Guests present were Messrs. Y. K. Kan, H. V. Barnard, J. S. Bottemheim, T. S. Foo, Captain R. W. Bateman and Mr. F. J. W. Focken.

SPEAKER'S ADDRESS

Speaking on his reminiscences, Rotarian Cressall said, in part: "Litigation in the country districts of British Guiana was usually limited to trivial cases of abuse, assault and threats, and litigants did not mind paying big fees to engage the services of their favourite lawyer."

The Court sat once a week at various centres in the district and to the East Indian, who formed the largest percentage of most lawyers' customers, the Court was a kind of weekly "Wembley" where he and his family disported themselves in all their finery and engaged in fruitless litigation.

To him, forensic display was the hall mark of learning and legal efficiency and he would endeavour to retain a particular advocate because of that gentleman's ability.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 10th May, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Telephone 21820).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th May, 1941.

SENSE OF HUMOUR

The native population of British Guiana have an indomitable sense of humour and many are the instances I could quote where ugly and apparently impossible situations between parties have been smoothed over to mutual satisfaction by a humorous word from the Bench. The most difficult class of case was the "husband and wife" affair.

I remember one incident which caused some amusement at the time. A large black female appeared before me with an undersized shrivelled up little man. Her complaint was that he had left her and refused to return home. I pointed out to the husband his responsibilities to his wife and reprimanded him for deserting her. Whereupon he said "My Worship, if you had to live with this nigga woman you would not say that. I am not a deserter, Sir, I am a refugee."

In Georgetown, as in the country districts, the general population seemed to take a delight in bringing their neighbours to court on trivial charges of insults and abuse. Their love for litigation was extraordinary and I recall on one occasion calculating that the average amount of fines per annum paid by the lower classes in Georgetown alone amounted to \$2,000.

LOYALTY TO THRONE

The British Guiana natives are proud of the fact that they inhabit the only British possession in South America and yield to none in their loyalty to the Throne and all that it stands for in the Empire.

Well do I remember the frenzied scenes of enthusiasm which marked the visit of the Duke of Windsor (then Prince of Wales) to the Colony in 1920. The crowds went crazy in their efforts to get near to "Our Prince" as they affectionately called him. As an example of the enthusiasm his visit created I recall the incident of the presentation by him of a Cup to a well-known and wealthy East Indian merchant when the latter's horse won the principal event at a race meeting held in honour of the visit.

The Prince having presented the Cup shook hands with the recipient and congratulated him on his success.

Next morning the merchant appeared at his office with his right hand gloved. He was asked what was wrong and replied: "What wrong man? Eh, eh, you don't know that de Prince shake this, very hand yesterday. You think I am going to let you common people contaminate it now? Go away man. I ain't even going to wash it again."

IN PALESTINE

When I was told I was going to Palestine as Chief Magistrate I felt somehow or the other that I was going to a country full of legal possibilities. I had known it in war days and looked forward to renewing my acquaintance with its people.

I felt a thousand thrills when I reported for duty at the Law Courts at Jerusalem on June 18, 1931. I remember the care with which I dressed that morning and my walk to the Court buildings

ARMY TENNIS LEAGUE

In the "A" Division of the Army Tennis League, 5th A.A. Regiment, R.A., defeated 8th Heavy Battery, R.A. by three sets to nil at 800-kunpoo on Monday.

Lieut. T. A. Pearce and Sgt. Morgan (5th A.A.) beat Lieut. Watheas and Lieut. Godfrey, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Lieut. J. L. C. Pearce and Sgt. Davis (5th A.A.) beat Sgt. Shilshaw and Gnr. Roche, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Bdr. Mew and Bdr. Savage (5th A.A.) beat S/Sgt. Shepherd and S/Sgt. Skinner, 8-2, 6-1, 6-2.

where I duly reported to a Judicial Official that I was the new British Magistrate whom the Colonial Office had sent post haste to the Holy Land.

"Good gracious" was his reply. "We weren't expecting you for at least another two months." I found he was perfectly correct. I was not expected nor, as far as I could see, wanted; for there was no Court in which to sit, and no chambers in which to wait while a Court could be prepared.

I found the judicial system entirely different from that to which I had been accustomed, for the Ottoman law, Procedure and Practice was still then the rule and many were the pitfalls waiting for the unwary English lawyer.

MULTIFARIOUS TITLES

One thing I determined to put right, however, and that was the multifarious titles which members of the Magisterial Bench were given by local advocates when they addressed the Court. For example, I found myself addressed in the course of one morning as "Your Highness! Your Honour! Your Excellency! Ya Seedee, Habibi! and so on.

Enquiry elicited the fact that there was no recognised form of address for a Magistrate. So I had a brain wave. I sent a circular letter to the Bar Association suggesting that in future the term "Your Worship" should be used when addressing the Bench.

I regret to say that it did not work as well as I had expected for next morning I was continually being referred to as "Your Wash Up."

LANGUAGE DIFFICULT

I found conditions entirely different from British Guiana. First of all there was the language difficulty. But the biggest stumbling block was, I think, the dear old Me-Jelle, that wonderful compendium of antiquated legal maxims which forms the basis of the common law of the country.

With all its faults and shortcomings, however, the Me-Jelle in one respect is far in advance of our English Common Law, for when all else has failed him and he finds himself "in a fix," a Judge can always invoke the aid of the famous article 1812.

I hope this article will never be repealed. It reads as follows:—

"A judge may not give a judgment when he is in such a condition that he cannot think clearly, as, for example, when he is in trouble or is suffering from hunger or sleeplessness."

I often used to wonder what opinion the average Arab villager had of a British Magistrate for I am convinced that he looked upon the upholder of law as a kind of ignorant who did not understand life.

I remember on one occasion trying a villager for stealing some chickens. At the close of the case for the prosecution he was asked if he had any witnesses to call. His reply was "By God, am I a fool to steal chickens before witnesses."

POLICEMAN INSULTED

Finally, I would like to tell you the story of the motorist in Jerusalem who had been stopped by a traffic policeman for committing a trivial contravention. The motorist became somewhat angry at the delay caused and called the Policeman "an ass." He was duly summoned.

In Court the Magistrate reproved him for what he had called the officer. "Then I am not allowed to call a policeman an ass?" said the defendant. — "Certainly not" said the Beak. "You must not insult an officer of the law." "But you wouldn't mind if I called an ass a Policeman, I suppose?" "No, not if it gives you only satisfaction," answered the Beak with a smile. The motorist turned to the man who had summoned him. "Good day, policeman" he said and hurried out of the Court!

Rotarian the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo thanked the speaker.

Home Soccer Programme

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—Following are the Home soccer fixtures for the week-end:—

WARRIOR CUP FINAL

Arsenal v. Preston (At Wembley)

FOOTBALL LEAGUE SOUTH

Portsmouth v. Bournemouth. Watford v. Luton Town.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL LEAGUE

Aldershot v. Queen's Park. Brentford v. Fulham. Cardiff v. Chelsea. Reading v. West Ham. Stoke v. Northampton. Tottenham v. Crystal Palace. Huddersfield v. Leicester.

NORTHERN REGIONAL LEAGUE

Bury v. Manchester. Chester v. Bolton. Chesterfield v. Sheffield. Liverpool v. Tranmere Rovers.

FOR LIVERPOOL CUP

Oldham v. Rochdale. Wrexham v. Manchester.

REGIONAL MATCH

Mansfield v. Grimsby.

COMBINED COUNTIES (CUP SEMI-FINAL)

Leeds v. Huddersfield.

LANCASHIRE CUP (SEMI-FINAL)

Burnley v. Blackpool.

OTHER MATCHES

Middlesbrough v. Sunderland.

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

Hearts v. Rangers.

At Hampden Park Glasgow

RECREIO RINKS FOR SATURDAY

The following have been selected to represent Club de Recreio in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday, May 10:—

"A" TEAM:—J. Luz, C. B. Marques, H. A. Alves, C. G. Silva (skip); L. F. Xavier, C. Rosa Pereira, F. V. Ribeiro, F. X. Silva (asp); X. Soares, L. J. Silva, J. E. Noronha, R. F. Luz (skip).

"B" TEAM:—H. R. Pinna, C. H. Basto, E. M. Remedios, J. J. Basto (skip); F. A. Machado, D. C. Alves, R. Souza, B. Basto (skip); A. R. Noronha, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues, A. P. Guterres (skip).

SECOND DIVISION

R. L. Barros, F. X. Monteiro, A. V. Barros, O. P. Remedios (skip); G. A. Ribeiro, N. Baltrao, F. A. Xavier, J. R. Soares (skip); L. A. Rosario, H. M. Xavier, J. D. Remedios, J. A. Remedios (skip).

THIRD DIVISION

G. A. Pinna, C. A. Marques, F. B. A. Marques, P. A. Yanovich (skip); P. d'Almeida, E. Cunha, B. A. R. Alves, M. A. Carvalho (skip); A. A. Lopes, R. A. Campos, M. Mendonca, M. Alarcon (skip).

ELECTRIC RINKS

The following rinks will represent the Hongkong Electric Recreation Club on Saturday:—

W. Macfarlane, R. F. Gregory, J. F. Barron, L. de Rome (skip); R. A. Owens, W. Stonehouse, A. G. Gardner, A. F. Paul (skip); A. R. Tarbuck, J. R. Way, R. C. Butler, C. E. Gahagan (skip).

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

FOOTBALL. — South China v. Royal Scots, at Caroline Hill, 8.30 p.m.

TENNIS. — Open Singles, final. — Tsui Wai-pui v. Tsui Yan-pui (Stand Court). Club Handicap Doubles, final. — Oxlade and Barwell v. Blake and Knight v. T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould.

SWIMMING. — Entries close for Y.M.C.A. Gala

TOMORROW

TENNIS. — Club Championship, final. — C. H. R. Oxlade v. M. Pagh (holder) (Stand Court).

FRIDAY, MAY 8

TENNIS. — Open Doubles, final. — S. A. and H. D. Rumbahn Gold-

ers) v. Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui (Stand Court).

SATURDAY, MAY 10

LAWN BOWLS. — First Division: Kowloon C.C. v. Recreio "A", Craigengower v. Kowloon Docks R.C., Police R.C. v. Civil Service, Recreio "B" v. Indian R.C., Kowloon B.G.C. "A" v. Kowloon B.G.C. "B". Second Division: Kowloon Tong v. Recreio, Prison O.C. v. Kowloon C.C., Hongkong F.C. v. Craigengower, Itakoo R.C. v. Kowloon F.C. Third Division: Kowloon F.C. v. Craigengower, Indian R.C. v. Hongkong F.C., Recreio v. Police R.C., Hongkong Electric v. H.K.C.C.

RACING. — Hongkong Jockey Club's Fifth Extra Race Meeting, at Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A. TENNIS SECTION

At a meeting of the Y.M.C.A. tennis Committee held on Monday, May 5, it was decided to hold the Y.M.C.A. Member's Singles handicap championship for the WEALL CUP during May and June. Entries close on May 14. Entry lists are open at the Y.M.C.A.

H.K.F.A. COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association will be held at the Association's offices on Wednesday, May 14, at 5.30 p.m.

BUSINESS:—Minutes of Council meeting No. 10; Minutes of Emer-

SECOND TURF WIN FOR KING

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—The King gained his second turf victory of the season when his Classics candidate, Merry Wanderer, won the May Handicap at Nottingham yesterday amid great enthusiasm.

Merry Wanderer, starting at odds of 10 to 1, and ridden by Peter Maher, on leave from the R.A.F., beat the Duke of Norfolk's 25/1 outsider, Clean Sweep, by eight lengths, with the 3/1 favourite, Salmoner, owned by the Queen's cousin, the Hon. J. Bowes-Lyon, third.

Agency Sub-Committee meeting No. 8: Accounts; Any other business.

Men and Women with
WILLS TO WIN
are smoking
GOLD FLAKE
Cigarettes

The heart-stirring story of a wife who dared fight back against a tyrannical "in-law" is thrillingly depicted in "Jennie," 20th Century-Fox film which opens today at the King's Theatre.

Tender, human and different, "Jennie" is fine dramatic entertainment and a "must" for every movie-goer's list.

Briefly, "Jennie" narrates the experiences of a young girl who marries into a family dominated by a tyrannical father. It is then that the young wife battles in a woman's way to tame the family tyrant, hold the man she loves and transform eight empty lives. The story works up to a thrilling dramatic climax, after many poignant episodes.

The compelling drama in "Jennie" is superbly acted by a featured cast which besides Virginia Gilmore includes William Henry, George Montgomery, Ludwig Stössel, the European star, Dorris Bowdon, the memorable "Roseanna" of "The Grapes of Wrath," Joan Valerie and Rita Quigley, who scored as the daughter in "Susan and God."

engaged in first-aid and educational work in the interior.

Turkish Mediation Offer To Britain And Iraq

SUCCESSFUL INFANTRY PATROL ACTIVITY ROUND HABBANIYAH

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—It is now confirmed here that the Turkish Government have offered to mediate between the British and Iraqi Governments, says Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent. The British Government, while greatly appreciating the friendly motive of the Turkish Government, have been compelled to point out that the essential prerequisite of entering into any negotiations is the withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Habbaniyah.

The Egyptian Government has decided to send a message to the Iraqi Government, says a statement issued by the Egyptian Prime Minister's office last night, according to the Cairo wireless. The statement adds: "Egypt, which is tied to Iraq by bonds of sympathy and friendship, hopes very sincerely that the causes of the incident which started this conflict will be removed, and that the usual good relations between Iraq and her great ally will be re-established."

BRITISH TAKE THE INITIATIVE AT TOBRUK

HEAVY ENEMY TANK LOSSES REPORTED

CAIRO, May 6 (Reuter).—On the night of May 3-4, our troops at Tobruk launched a counter-attack, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and broke up preparations which were being made for a renewal of attack, says a communiqué.

In the Sollum area, our mechanised forces were again active. Several enemy detachments were successfully engaged with losses in personnel and armoured fighting vehicles.

A Military spokesman described the position at Tobruk yesterday as "Both sides are still licking their wounds."

DEFENCES BREACHED

On the first day of this attack, he added, the enemy made a breach of 2,000 yards like a blister in the south-west part of the outer perimeter but new British defence lines have been built across this point which was some miles from the inner defence line.

The spokesman said that it was quite probable that the enemy had lost a total of 50 tanks so far.

Communications by sea remained open and a number of prisoners had already been shipped.

Scharnhorst, Gneisenau Bombed

Direct Hits Scored On Both Cruisers

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—A great load of heavy armour-piercing bombs was carried to Brest on Sunday night by the R.A.F. to drop in two Nazi battle-cruisers, the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, states the Air Ministry news service.

The continued presence of the battle-cruisers at Brest after five weeks suggests, adds the news service, that either they have developed some grave defect while at sea or, what is more probable, that Brest proved to be very poor shelter.

They made for port late in March to be refuelled and to munition. These tasks can normally be completed in 24 hours.

DIRECT HITS

On Sunday night they showed up clearly under the moon and pilots report very accurate bombing with direct hits on both cruisers.

Sticks of the heaviest bombs also fell repeatedly across the dry dock in which one vessel was berthed and about the jetty where the other was tied up.

RAIDERS ATTACKED

In one crowded hour on Sunday night, over an enemy occupied aerodrome in occupied France, from which German bombers attacked Britain, one R.A.F. pilot attacked five Nazi raiders returning to their base. Although he was unable to see the result of his attacks, states the Air Ministry news service, five of the enemy planes must be regarded as seriously damaged.

GIBRALTAR EXODUS

GIBRALTAR, May 6 (Reuter).—It is officially announced here that further evacuations of civilians are taking place shortly.

Lists numbering over 1,000 yesterday included many Spanish refugees.

INCREASED AMERICAN SUPPLIES FOR CHINA

CALCUTTA, May 6 (Reuter).—On route from Chungking to Cairo, where he and Major Thomas of the United States Marine Corps will establish headquarters as military observers, Captain James Roosevelt, the President's eldest son, arrived here yesterday.

He stated that when he reaches Cairo, he and Major Thomas will receive instructions from Washington concerning their future programme.

Captain Roosevelt states that China throughout has been receiving American supplies which would be increased in the near future.

He told Reuter that the "morale of the Chinese is excellent. They are determined to carry on to victory."

During his four-day stay in Chungking, he met the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

EIGHT RAIDERS DESTROYED

MERSEYSIDE AGAIN OBJECTIVE OF LUFTWAFFE

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—The German air force lost at least eight bombers on Sunday night to the fire of British night fighters, anti-aircraft guns and a destroyer when the principal targets were Northern Ireland and north-west England, including—for the fourth night in succession—Merseyside.

The destroyer Southdown, it became known last night, raised the night's total to just half that of Saturday night when she was attacked by a twin-engined German bomber. Her fire caused the raider to burst into flames and crash into the sea.

The Southdown proceeded on her course without having suffered any casualties.

DAYLIGHT RAIDS

Two German planes were shot down during daylight yesterday when a small number of enemy aircraft crossed the south-east coast of Britain.

Bombs were dropped at a point in the south-east and there were bursts of machine-gun fire but little damage was done and there were no casualties.

One plane was destroyed by an R.A.F. pilot who was merely out testing his guns. He and his Squadron Leader were making for a suitable place to fire cannon shells when two German fighters were spotted.

It is now known that in the attack on Merseyside on Friday night, another enemy bomber was shot down by anti-aircraft fire, making a total of six destroyed that night.

British Raid On Lofoten Inspires Norway

The joint British-Norwegian attack of last week on Austvaagoy, one of the Lofoten Islands off Northern Norway, has had a telling effect on the Nazis and their puppets. While houses at Svolvær were still burning—ordered set afire by Nazi Reichskommissar Terboven as a punitive measure—the Norwegian Nazi party, Nasjonal Samling, vigorously kept on defending the Germans and attacking loyal Norwegians. The Quisling press has predicted the introduction of a system of hostages and "terrifying reprisals" against civilians in order to prevent similar incidents.

Following Reichskommissar Terboven's visit to the scene of the daring raid, the German propaganda machine in Norway suddenly changed tactics.

NAZI ANGER

Editorials in the Nazi controlled press, which up to last Thursday had insisted that the raid had only hampered Norwegian fishermen in getting food for their country and that the entire population was angry over the raid, have now changed their tune and have published a German announcement that Svolvær and its inhabitants will be given severe punishment, thus revealing the real state of mind of the islanders.

The German propaganda pertaining to the Lofoten raid is because of settling everything in regard to the raid themselves, leaving to the Norwegian Nazis only the task of defending the measures taken by the Germans against the population of Svolvær.

The raid has been extremely stimulating to Norwegian patriots. It is feared that authoritative sources besides creating a near panic among local Nazi leaders in Northern Norway, the joint British-Norwegian attack dramatically proved to the people of Norway that they are not alone or abandoned and that they can face the future confident of active support from their Allies and their King and Government in exile.

Indiscriminate "Blitz" On Belfast: Hospital Damaged

BELFAST, May 6 (Reuter).—For the second time in three weeks, the Luftwaffe crossed the Irish Sea on Sunday night to strike indiscriminately at this patriotic Northern Ireland city, writes Reuter's Staff reporter.

Amid the misery of ruined homes, fortitude mingled with tremendous relief that the casualties were not as heavy as at first feared. The blow was, however, severe as the official communiqué shows with its reference to "much damage to commercial, industrial and residential property."

At a hospital hit in the previous raid and damaged again on Sunday night, I have just been told of the gallantry of the nurses who shepherded to safety their patients—mostly women and children—as flames swept part of the building. Their calm courage was matched by that of the firemen, A.R.P. workers and ambulance drivers who battled through the night to check the fires and to bring in the injured, and by those ordinary men and women whose homes were gone but who, since they felt that they were in this war as completely as any part of Britain now, are not damaged because they felt its full severity.

Only a few hours after the sun rose on the battered city, tidying-up proceeded as swiftly as possible.

LIVERPOOL CARRIES ON LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—After four days and nights of raids Liverpool is carrying on.

Following a special meeting of the city's Emergency Committee, special arrangements were considered and a statement was issued that Liverpool had passed through a serious trial and the Committee expressed its great appreciation of the spirit in which the citizens had met the crisis.

It was a great inspiration, the Committee added, to know that Liverpool had not been behind other cities in its realization of the importance of maintaining the steadiness of civic life.

ROTTERDAM TO BE AVENGED

BATAVIA, May 6 (Reuter).—With the object of Prince Bernhard's Amalgamated Dutch East Indies Spitfire Funds in sight, ensuring the purchase of a squadron of Rotterdam bombers to avenge the city's destruction, efforts are now being made to raise money to purchase a number of motor torpedo-boats for the Royal Dutch Navy to assist the struggle at sea.

BATAVIA, May 6 (Reuter).—The Netherlands Ministers, Dr. van Kieffins and M. Welter, have arranged to visit Australia on May 12 for six days, thence to New Zealand on May 18, and on May 24 they will proceed by air to San Francisco.

ABYSSINIAN SITUATION

CAIRO, May 6 (Reuter).—A communiqué states that in the Debub area of Abyssinia, Indian troops occupied Emadani and Ulethert on May 3. During the course of this operation, a heavy counter-attack by the enemy in greatly superior forces was driven back leaving an officer and 250 other ranks prisoners in our hands.

"Yesterday further important positions were occupied and the advance upon Amba Alagi is steadily proceeding."

"A large number of enemy troops have surrendered. The number has not yet been counted."

"In the southern districts further progress is reported by all our columns operating in pursuit of the enemy."

War Reaches Antarctic

Nazis Reported Near Deception Island

BOSTON, May 6 (Reuter).—Germans and Japanese have been in the Antarctic and British naval forces blew up a Norwegian whaler repair-ship in Deception Bay to prevent her use by the Germans.

These reports have been brought back to the United States from Little America by members of Admiral Byrd's expedition who returned yesterday.

The officers stated that rumours of German operations near Deception Island came to them from other mariners, but the captain of Adm. Byrd's ship, North Star, declared that before the ship left the Antarctic, he saw a Japanese whaler manoeuvring off the coast.

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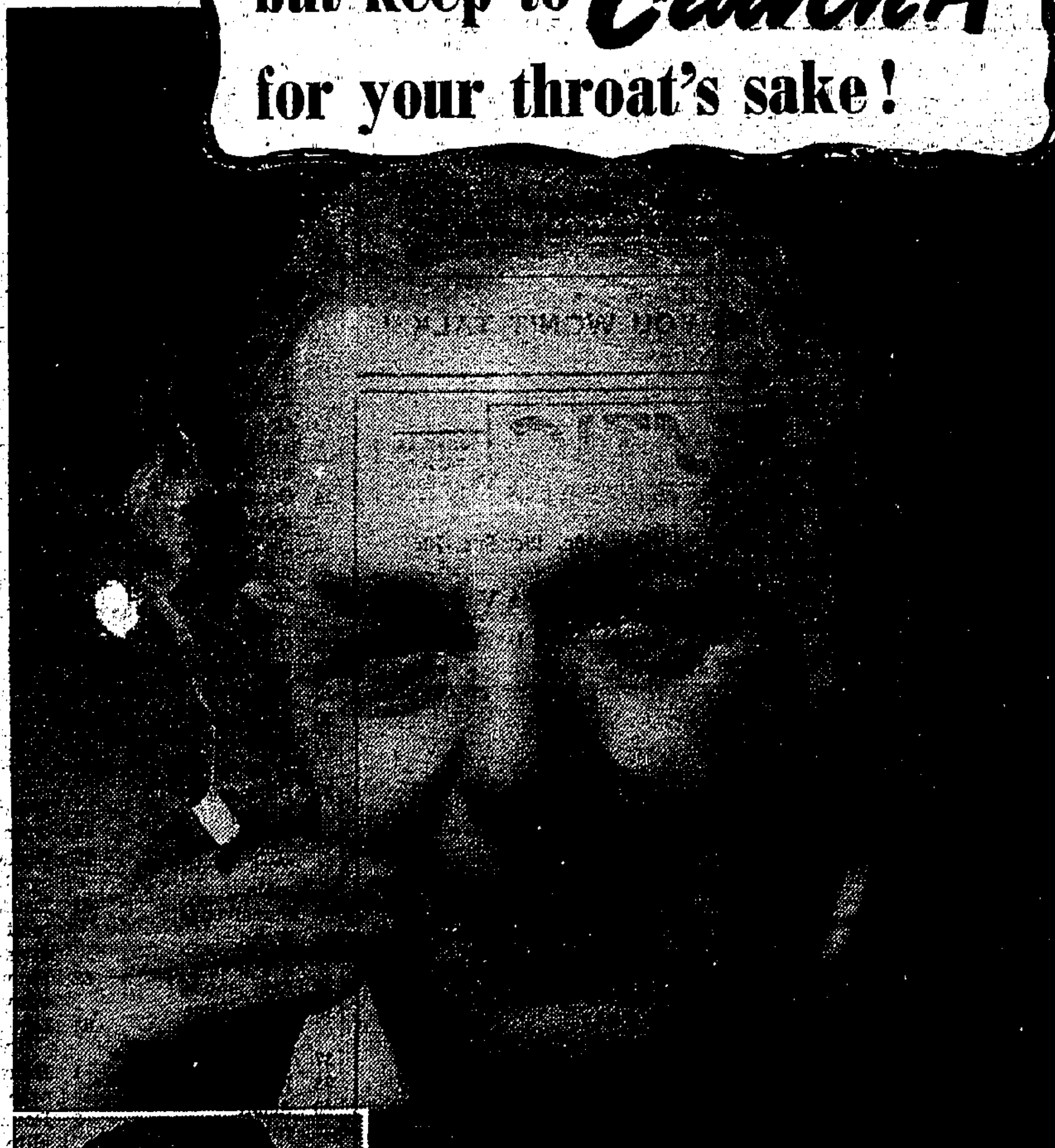
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MONGKOK TRAGEDY

19-year-old Man Accused Of Killing Niece

The tragic story of how an uncle was alleged to have murdered his two young nieces in revenge for a quarrel with his brother over a dollar was related before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when 19-year-old CHIU SIN-CHING was charged with the murder of a girl.

The girls were Chiu Mo-ching, eight years of age, and Chiu Mo-yee, aged six.

MAGISTRATE WARNS SUMMONSEES

Summonsees were warned by Mr. M. C. Macnamara at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday that warrants will in future be issued for their arrest if they twice fail to appear to answer their summonses.

The remark was made during the hearing of traffic summonses yesterday when a number of summonsees failed to turn up. Mr. Macnamara said that cases would become endless if the summonsees did not answer the summonses.

However, no warrants were issued yesterday, but the Magistrate warned that they will be issued in future.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES CONTINUED

SUBMISSION BY DEFENCE

The case for the plaintiff was concluded at the continued hearing yesterday, of the claim for damages suffered from an alleged breach of contract, brought before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court by the Ming Cheong Hong, contractors, of No. 128, Belchers Street, ground floor.

The claim was against the Fu Hua Trading Co., Importers and exporters of tea, of No. 33, Praya Kennedy Town, represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr. instructed by Mr. Peter H. Sin.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K. C., and Mr. Lo Tung-ian, instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan.

Defendants brought a counter-claim for \$1,904.87 as being the amount of damages and expenses incurred by having to employ workmen to effect their own repair as the result of plaintiffs refusal to perform the contract on or about Mar. 28, 1940.

EVIDENCE GIVEN

Evidence was given by Sung Ming-ng, partner of the plaintiff firm. He said that the firm was formed in June, 1939, for the purpose of repairing boxes for the Fu Hua firm. At the end of May he was approached by Chan Pak-kwal who told him that the Fu Hua had tea boxes which required repair. A contract was drawn up and signed on June 15.

From June 17 to end of month he made use of 693 men and received half payment.

Cross-examined by Mr. D'Almada, witness said that he had been in tea packing business and knew Chan Pak-kwal.

Witness said the overhead expenses with 80 workmen were about \$2,100 and admitted that by these figures it would be a losing contract but he had expected that the minimum number of boxes would be exceeded. He had been told by Chan that a million boxes were expected to arrive.

Witness denied that the contract was such an attractive one that he was prepared to repair the 94,000 boxes in the godown without charge.

NO COMPLAINTS

Bun Sick-kwan stated, in evidence, that he was the manager of the plaintiff firm since 1939 and had charge of the correspondence and supervision of the workmen.

In answer to Mr. D'Almada, witness said that he had never received any complaints from defendant firm about the workmen. Opening the case for the defence Mr. D'Almada said that the first clause in the contract, as agreed by Mr. Potter was badly drawn up and Mr. D'Almada suggested that the first sentence in that clause was the cause of all the difficulties in the case.

Further hearing was adjourned to this morning.

ON WAY TO SAN FRANCISCO



Mr. B. S. Fong, overseas Chinese leader and member of the People's Political Council, has left the Colony for San Francisco.

After his return to America, he continued, he would report to the 225,000 Chinese there the true state of affairs in the home country and also convey to them Chairman Lin Sen's and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's instructions.

Regarding the U.S.\$10,000,000 bonds for the construction of the Yunnan-Burma Railway to be floated by the Chinese Government in the United States, Mr. Fong said that he would try his best to push their sale.

URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

Nine Applications For Licences Refused

The Urban Council held its fortnightly meeting yesterday, the Deputy Director of Health Services, Dr. N. C. MacLeod, being in the Chair, and the members present being the Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, the Hon. Mr. R. A. G. North, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. L. C. P. Bellamy, M.C., Mr. A. el Arculli, Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. B. Wong Tape, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, M.B.E., Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, Mr. C. J. Roe (Secretary) and Mr. Im Ping-tseung (Asst. Secretary).

Applications were refused for an eating house licence for No. 135, Kiu Kiang Street, ground floor; an eating house licence for No. 51, Main Street, Stanley; an offensive trade licence for No. 25, Praya Kennedy Town; an offensive trade licence for No. 34, Kennedy Town, ground floor; an offensive trade licence for No. 85, Oak Street, ground floor; a bakehouse licence for No. 12, Queen's Road West, ground floor; a food shop licence for No. 56, Connaught Road Central, ground floor; a food shop licence for No. 31, Connaught Road Central, ground floor; and a food shop licence for No. 29, Connaught Road Central, ground floor.

Licences granted during the past fortnight are classified as follows:—Food Factories 1, Food Preserving Establishments 2, Food Shops 2, Eating Houses 1, Restaurants 2, Advertisements (Permission to erect neon signs or advertising boards) 2.

AMATEUR CINEMA CLUB MEETING

The meeting of the Hongkong Amateur Cinema Club which was to have been held today has been postponed to Monday, May 19, when a programme of films, namely, "War in Europe" and a Comedy will be shown at the West Lounge of the European Y.M.C.A. commencing at 7 p.m.

MR. AW BOON-HAW AIDS SQUATTERS

Confirmation of the rumours current in town that the Chinese gentleman seen in Tai Hang village on Saturday evening distributing money to those squatters whose huts were burnt down on April 28 was acting on behalf of Mr. Aw Boon-haw, the "Tiger Balm" philanthropist, fame, was obtained by the Hongkong Daily Press yesterday from his attorney, Mr. Ip Kwai-chung.

It was further learnt that assistance was only given to those whose huts were burnt down and not to those whose huts were demolished by the authorities.

DENTAL SERVICE FOR H.K. SCHOOLS

RECOMMENDATIONS BY BOARD OF EDUCATION

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Friday, May 2, when a vote of thanks to Rev. Fr. G. Byrne, S.J., who retired from the Board on April 26 after 14 years' valuable service was passed with acclamation.

The following members were present:—Mr. C. G. Souls, M.A., Chairman (Director of Education); Mr. J. Ralston, M.A. (Senior Inspector of Schools); Mr. Y. P. Law, B.A. (Inspector of Vernacular Schools); Mr. T. R. Rowell, B.Sc. (Principal, Northcote Training College); Prof. L. Forster, M.A. (Professor of Education, Hongkong University); Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. A. el Arculli, Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. D. J. Sloss, O.B.E., M.A., Miss E. S. Atkins, Rev. Fr. R. W. Gallagher, S.J., Mr. G. A. Goodban, M.A., and Mr. J. M. Wilson, B.Sc. (Secretary).

The Board considered the present position of the school dental service and recommended (1) that its extension in the first instance should be to selected urban subsidised schools and (2) that Government be pressed to provide an adequate dental service for all schools.

The question of Physical Training and Government instructors in the Grant schools was discussed. The Board was informed of the steps taken towards the provision of additional school playgrounds. Three matters relating to vernacular education were referred to the appropriate Sub-Committee of the Board.

BIRD & FLOWER PAINTINGS

EXHIBITION AT HOTEL CECIL

Mr. Chang Shu-chi, prominent Chinese bird and flower painter and professor of Chinese art at the National Central University, who arrived in Hongkong from Chungking last week, will hold an exhibition of his works at Hotel Cecil from May 9 to 11.

More than 130 of his best paintings will be on display.

Mr. Chang recently presented to President Roosevelt a picture of 100 doves. He will shortly sail for the United States to hold a number of exhibitions in different large cities to raise funds for the purchase of books and equipment for various universities and colleges in China.

TUBERCULOSIS CLAIMED 165 DEATHS IN ONE WEEK

There were 227 cases of tuberculosis, with 165 deaths, reported to the Health authorities during the week ended midnight on May 3, as compared with 208 and 137, respectively, for the previous week. Cholera, with 28 cases and 20 deaths, also showed an increase on the former week's figures of 16 and 12, respectively.

Other cases notified were:—Cerebro-spinal fever, one; Diphtheria, 11 (two deaths); Dysentery, 32 (14 deaths); Enteric fever, 21 (four deaths); Measles, 18 (three deaths) and Smallpox, one (no deaths).

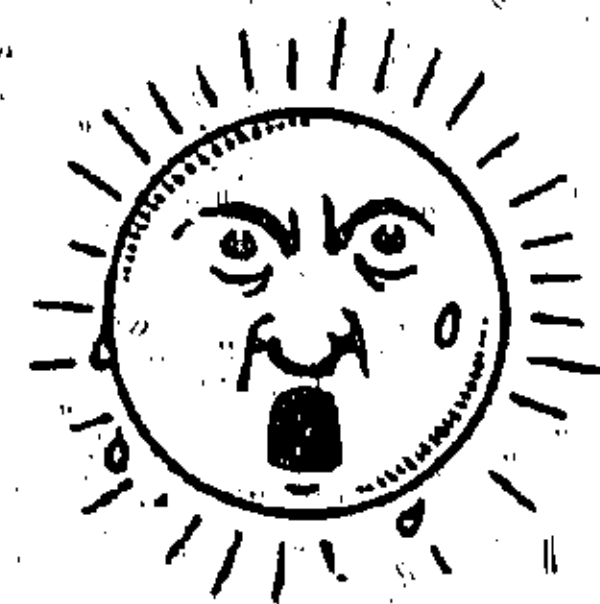
DAILY FIGURES

For the 24 hours ended midnight on May 5 there were four cases of Cholera; 10 of Dysentery; two of Enteric fever; three of Measles and 21 of Tuberculosis, reported to the Health authorities as having occurred in the Colony of Hongkong.

H.K. Chamber Music Club Concert

Dr. William Lovelock has kindly consented to give a second Piano-forte Recital during his stay in the Colony. This Recital will again be given under the auspices of the Hongkong Chamber Music Club and will be held on Wednesday, May 14, at 9.15 p.m. at Government House.

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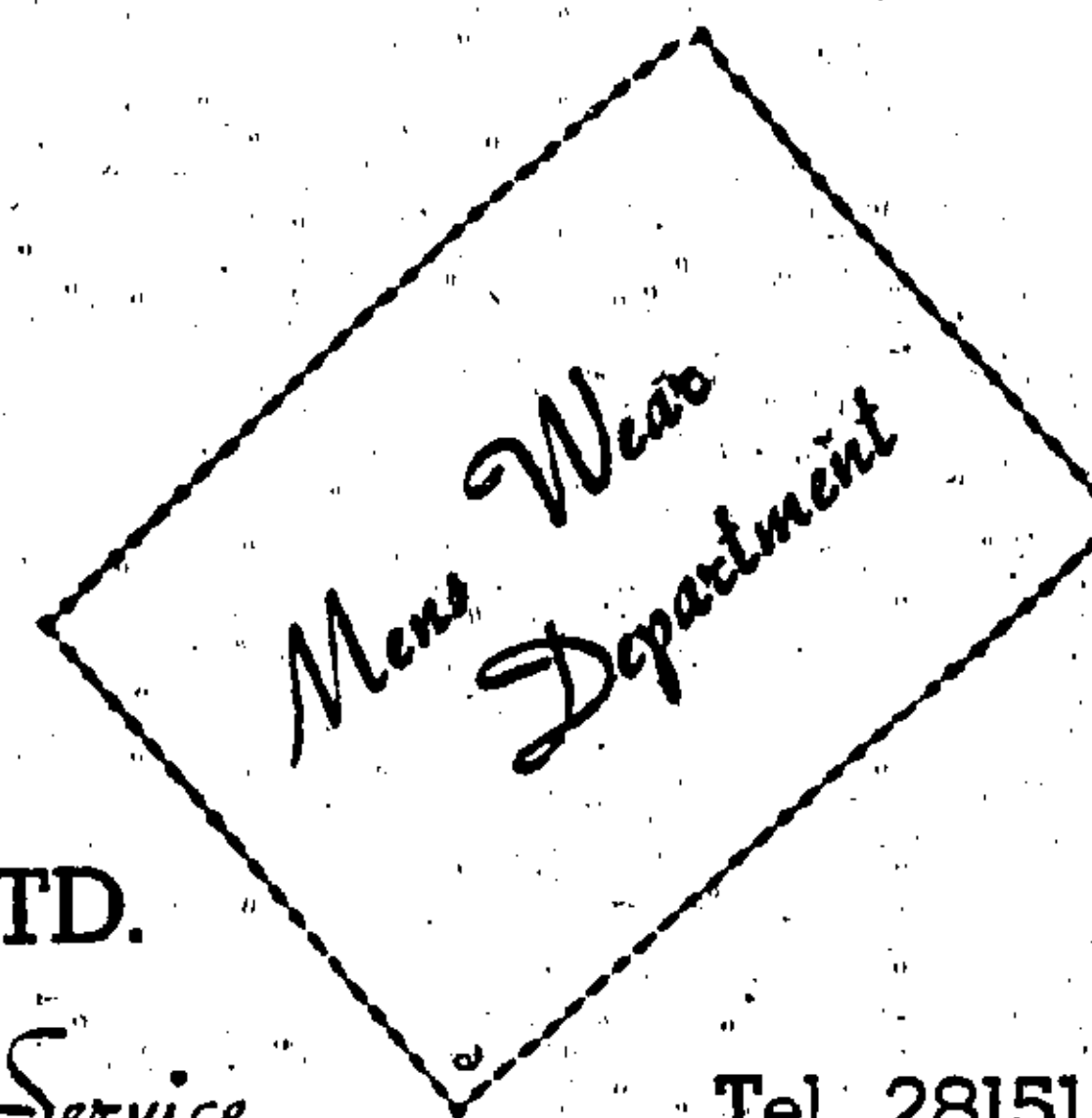
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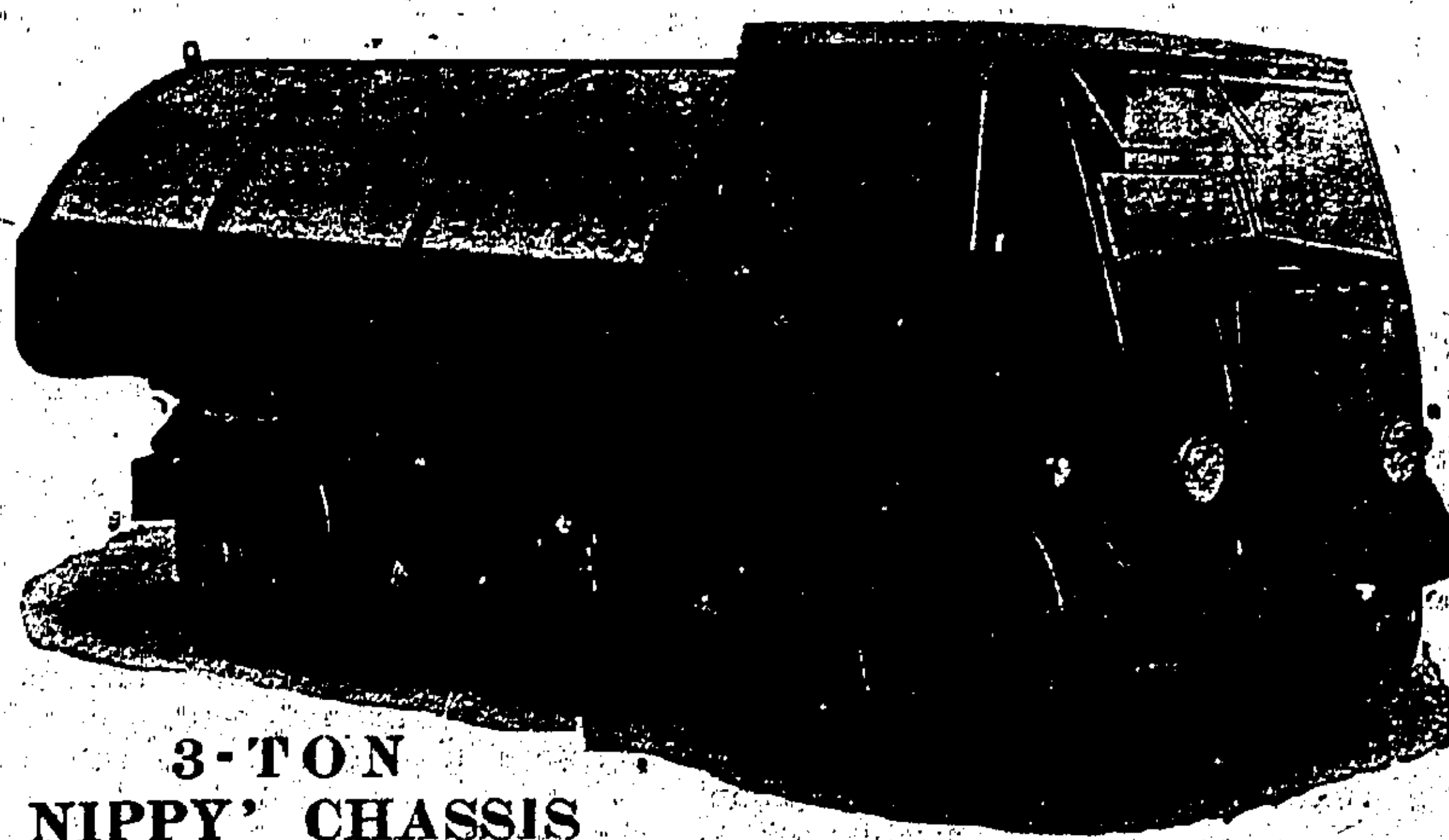
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ENGAGEMENT

HUANG-CHUN Mr. & Mrs. J. W. C. Chun of Shanghai take pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Ethel, granddaughter of the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, to Mr. J. Z. Huang of Chinese Embassy, Washington, D. C., U. S. A., son of Mr. & Mrs. T. C. Huang, Chungking.

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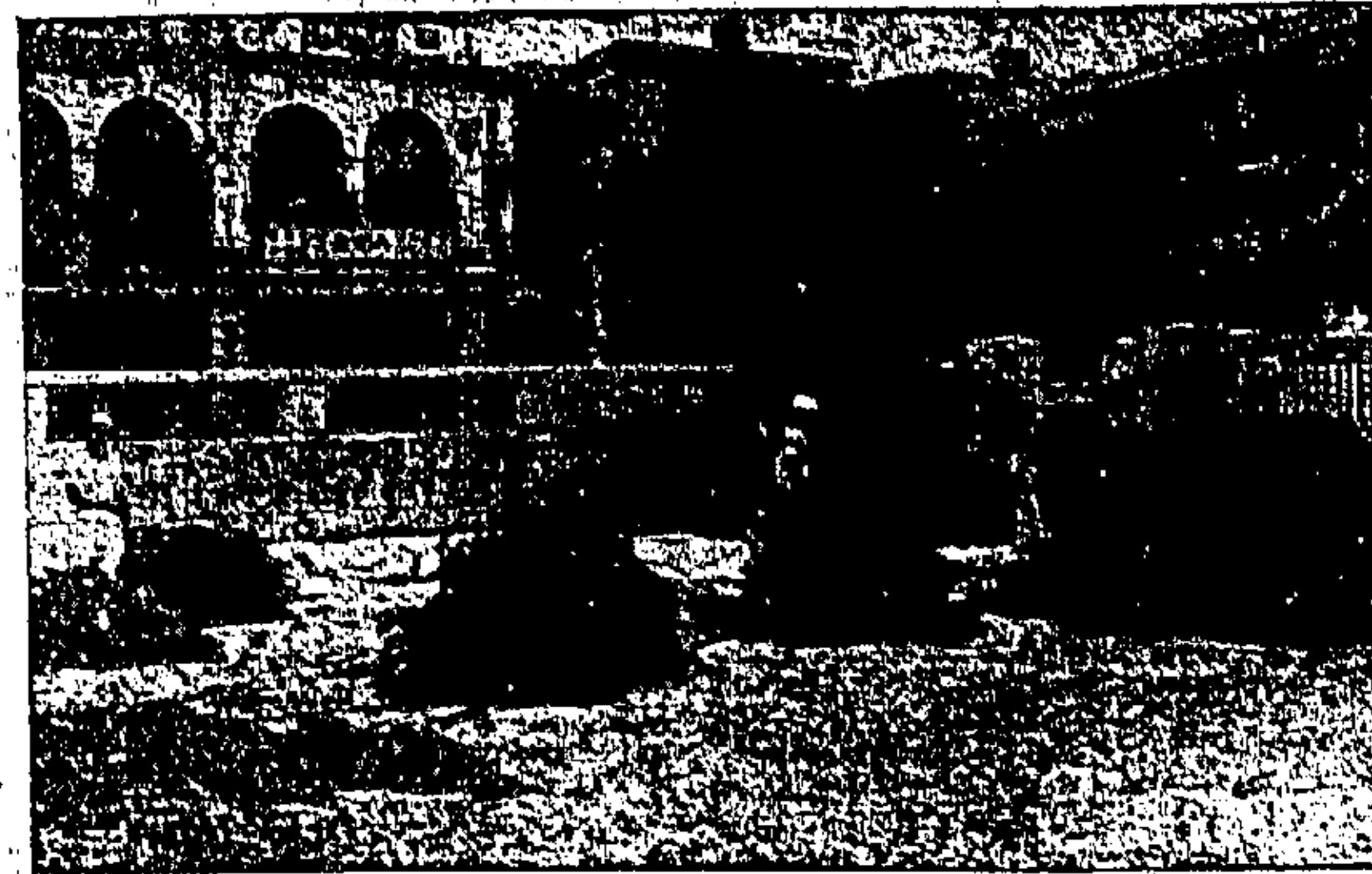
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STIMULUS TO U.S.
AID FOR BRITAIN.

HOW FAR is the United States off from actual participation in the war on Britain's side? There is every justification for this question being asked today as America's role and her determination to play it as the "arsenal of democracy" becomes more and more sharpened and clarified. Political commentators everywhere agree that never before has the subject of behind-the-lines support for belligerent nations become so vital as it is today. Indeed, the actual battle front has been made more dependent on the assembly line than in any previous war by reason of the speed with which military operations are capable of being conducted by mechanised means. The President of the United States and his people have come to realise this only too well. Every public utterance by him, and by those who think with him, has helped to give a stimulus to that aid which America has pledged herself to give Britain and her allies "until total victory has been won." This stimulus, has moved the country closer than ever to actual participation in the war, for, in the President's own words, spoken only last Sunday, "the United States is ever ready to fight again for the existence of democracy in the world."

IN SPITE of the barbaric exultation which Herr Hitler showed over his recent victories in the Balkans, he could not conceal from the world his uneasiness over the effect of this persistently increasing stimulus to U.S. aid for Britain, when he harangued the Reichstag on Sunday. His attempts to belittle this assistance were futile and he was forced to urge the people of Germany to greater efforts—for what? So as to provide the German soldier with "still better weapons this year and next year"—a very clear indication that he fears that the weight of superiority which he enjoys in the equipment of his war machine will be lost when the all-out aid which the United States is giving Britain takes effect "this year and next year." The American people have thus assumed this responsibility of seeing that Britain and her allies win this war—a responsibility which they do not want to shirk even if it comes to actual participation in the hostilities. The stimulus given to the American people by their leaders has made it possible for them to gear up the country's productive effort for the one task on hand of defending democracy.

THE PEOPLE of the United States, therefore, do not want much preparing for the final decision, when it is made by their leaders. They have al-



Picture shows heaps of fir tree wood on sale yesterday.—(King's Studio).

ALLEVIATING HARDSHIP
OF COLONY POORGood Response To Cheap
Sale Of Fuel

The large number of Chinese men and women seen carrying great quantities of fir tree branches along Nathan Road from an early hour yesterday attracted considerable attention and aroused much speculation as to why they were not arrested by the Police.

The reason for what appeared to be an open defiance of the officers of the law was not far to seek—all the men and women possessed official permission to own the amount of wood they were carrying, for yesterday was the first day of the cheap sale of fuel undertaken by the Chinese Y.M.C.A. acting as agents for the Hong Kong Government Stores Controller, to alleviate the hardship of the poor brought about by the high cost of living.

As the sale of this wood was primarily for the benefit of the poor all precautions had to be taken against exploitation. The organisers decided that every person intending to purchase this cheap-priced fuel had to register at the Y.M.C.A. Waterloo Road. When a Hongkong Daily Press reporter arrived at the distributing centre, a large crowd was seen gathered around the registration desk placed outside the entrance of the "Y," with the gentleman in charge patiently explaining that any quantity from ten to 50 cents (the limit was \$1 for the first day) might be bought but that no purchases could be completed until the next day. In other words, those wanting to buy must register a day in advance.

HEAPS AND HEAPS On the following day those who have registered will be issued with a numbered sales ticket and a pass to enter the ground adjoining the main buildings where heaps and heaps of these tree branches will be laid out, as it was yesterday. To each heap will be a numbered piece of paper denoting that that heap belongs to the holder of the pass with the corresponding number.

The gentleman in charge of the scales is the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, of St. Andrew's Church, while Mr. Chu K. Lam of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. looks after the numbering of the piles. Both these gentlemen, and their voluntary

ready acknowledged it by their determination to make the support which is now going out to Britain effective. It is their responsibility now to prevent defeat and to ensure victory. To them it is a job that is worth every sacrifice that they may be called upon to bear. What is particularly noteworthy in this American resolve not to permit the domination of the world by any one nation is that no coercion or arbitrary methods were used to make it acceptable to the people. The President and his advisers brought no pressure to bear on public opinion and no attempt was made to stifle a full ventilation of views held by all shades of thought in the United States. The opposition to the country shouldering this unprecedented responsibility proved unavailing to stem the surge of opinion against the barbarity of the totalitarian system which the Axis Powers were seeking to impose on the world. This opinion has gained impetus from day to day and it is not so very difficult to answer the question with which we began this article: How far is the United States off from actual participation in the war on Britain's side?

PRESENTATION
TO VERY REV.
J. L. WILSONFarewell Party At
St. Andrew's

The St. Andrew's Church Hall was the scene of a pleasant function last night, when members and friends of the Church gathered to bid farewell to the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Bishop-Elect of Singapore, who is leaving the Colony soon to take up his new post.

As "an appreciation of what he has done for St. Andrew's," a presentation of an antique porcelain vase of the Kang Hsi Dynasty was made to the Dean.

SAME WISDOM

Mr. A. C. Jeffreys, speaking on behalf of the congregation, assured the Bishop-Elect of their regards for him, and said that he was sure that in his new office, Dean Wilson would bring the same measure of wisdom and forbearance to the people of Singapore.

Dean Wilson suitably replied.

The Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, Acting Vicar, presided.

The entertainment programme consisted of a one-act comedy play by members of the R.A.M.C., community singing, with Mrs. Hansch at the piano, guitar solos by Cpl. J. E. Harvey and other musical items.

Tea and refreshments were served.

CHINESE YOUTH
DAYLetter Sent To
American Students

The following letter was sent to the American Students' Union, of New York, by the Chinese Youth League, the University Students' Union and the Youths' War Relief Association in connexion with Chinese Youth Day on May 4:—

The American Student Union,
New York,
U. S. A.

Dear friends,—We have great pleasure to inform you that May 4 is the Chinese Youth Day. Twenty-two years ago today, a large group of students at Peking, now called Peking, staged a demonstration, warning the government not to accept the infamous Twenty-One Demands of Japan. The movement succeeded in bringing about a thorough awakening of the people and building up a new China.

During the War of Resistance, many Chinese youths have dedicated their lives to the cause of their mother country. Some voluntarily take up arms on the front, and in the "occupied areas" they act as guerrillas to harass the enemy. They endure every hardship to perform their duties. The young girls join the ambulance corps to attend to the sick and wounded. In the rear, many participate in propaganda work, while others offer service to the refugees. A great number of Oversea Chinese go to the interior to engage in large-scale productions. Though China fights with poor equipment, yet the patriotism of the people and the morale of the troops have shown an auspicious sign, unprecedented since the war commenced. Thus we are entitled to believe that the ultimate victory will be ours.

We thank you very much for your deep sympathy and material assistance. We fervently hope that all American, British and Chinese youths will co-operate to fight for a new world order.

Very cordially yours,
The Chinese Youth League, H.K.
The Union Students' Union,
The Youths' War Relief Assoc.

WHAT THEY
ARE SAYING
IN LONDON

MR. MENZIES:

"One of the things they are saying this week is that Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, has had to leave us and return to Australia," said Mr. HOWARD MARSHALL, B.B.C. commentator, when he broadcast from London on Monday in the series "NEWS FROM HOME."

Mr. Marshall said that Mr. Menzies had proved a wise and valuable counsellor in the present difficult times.

"He was not only wise, but heartening," continued Mr. Marshall. "There is a vigorous way about him which we like and which was constantly stimulating. He was not influenced by any party allegiance in this country and he made us realise the significance of the whole-hearted support of the dominions in the war effort. This has given us cause for pride and gratitude."

UNITED FRONT:

"We have been made all the more conscious of our united front against Hitlerism. The Greek reverse—don't let us pretend that it was not a reverse—has turned our thoughts from the struggle at home to the far wider range of the war and the immense opposition that Herr Hitler challenges in this attempt of his at world domination."

"It is only natural here for the ordinary man to see the battle as a battle between the Germans and ourselves. The battle to us is concentrated here when we hear the sirens go and then suddenly Greece, Abyssinia and other places spring into the news, but we know that there can be only one end to it."

"That was emphasised recently by President Roosevelt who said that democracy

HERR HITLER'S HOPES AND
FEARS AS SHOWN IN
HIS RECENT SPEECH

Emphasising that the success of strategy must depend to a very great extent on an understanding of the enemy's designs and that strategy covers not only the military but the economic field, MAJOR LEWIS HASTINGS, B.B.C. military commentator, broadcast from London yesterday on what the British had learned about Herr Hitler's hopes and fears.

"Herr Hitler is a formidable antagonist," continued

Major Hastings, "but his mental process is not complete. When he asserts with exceptional violence he merely gives himself away. Let us therefore, examine his speech on Sunday objectively and without comment. Let us ignore the boasts and jeers and rhetoric and get at the underlying facts."

NO CLAIMS MADE

"In the first place he makes no claims to victory in the present year 1941. It is true that he said this year would be inscribed as the most glorious in the annals of the nation, but in point of fact this was nullified by his promise of impending victory last year. Here are some sentences from his speech which give a different impression from extracts taken later on."

"The first duty of the German people is to do everything to give the soldiers the arms they need. We must maintain the lead we now have. German women must make a contribution to the national effort. The German soldier will be given better weapons this year and next year."

"Next year! If there are any intelligent Germans left, these words 'next year' must have given them cause for apprehension," continued Major Hastings. "For nine months Dr. Goebbels has been telling them that victory was just over the horizon. The actual date of the defeat of Britain has been altered from time to time, but it was clearly stated—'this spring, this summer, this autumn would see a triumphant conclusion.'"

NOT SAME PICTURE

"Now what are they saying? In spite of victories and in spite of sacrifices, the German soldiers need further arms. This is not the exact picture that was painted to the world by the bullying broadcasters at Hamburg."

"Here is another paragraph—'If the democratic agitators are counting on choking the National Socialist State with the force of their system and material production there can only be one answer—the German people will never again experience a year like 1918.'"

"The year 1918 means to the Germans today something very different to what it means to us," declared Major Hastings. "The year 1918 is part of the great Nazi legend in which they rejected the view that they were defeated by force of arms. The disaster was

would not survive by isolation. Democracy will survive and neither Herr Hitler's ravings at the Reichstag nor his bombing of our sea-ports can alter this."

SENSE OF PROPORTION:

"Incidentally," went on Mr. Marshall, "it was good to hear that on Friday we brought down sixteen German bombers. But our real vengeance is being made for us in America and Col. Knox's statement that in three months the United States will be producing more than any country in the world is specially encouraging to us. That shows which way the balance is swaying."

"I am not merely picking out the good things, but I am sure we should keep a sense of proportion in considering the present situation. We have had some difficult weeks here and overseas, but in the midst of all that we cannot forget the remarkable feat of evacuation performed by our navy and the merchant navy in Greece. To take over eighty per cent. of the troops from these shores is something very special."

"I was glad to hear of the tribute sent by the Naval commander to the officers and men of the merchant navy. It was well deserved and we are entitled to dwell on that and to right it on our credit side."

HITLER'S FEAR

"Now I think we can see what is in Herr Hitler's mind. He makes it clearer still when he says 'Force of arms will never made us yield.' So this fear is still there and lurking. Every German remembers the story of the last war. Towns and territories occupied all over Europe and the illusion of certain triumph maintained up to the last moment."

"And then, in one crash, the whole structure collapsed. So this reference to 1918 is a reference to the secret dread that haunts every German mind. Herr Hitler may count his gains in Europe, but he is thinking of this island—he is thinking of the Atlantic and of the immense material production of the United States, and he knows as well as we do that the main battle is there."

"Before leaving Herr Hitler's speech, a word may be said about his boast that the German losses in the Balkan campaign were about 5,000. On the other hand, I have not accepted the exaggerated estimate made of enemy casualties in this campaign."

"Two things have been evident on the new form of enemy attack. The men engaged in a spearhead attack by mechanised troops are comparatively few. The German method is rapid penetration and as I have said previously, an onslaught from the air may create havoc among vehicles without much loss of life."

THE NEAR EAST

"Now to turn to the Near East," continued Major Hastings. "In Iraq our first reaction has been to attack the hostile aerodromes. To deny them to the enemy is of first importance."

"There are reports from German sources of troop-carrying planes taking troops to help the usurper there. These reports must be treated with caution, but if the Vichy Government makes this possible, it will be a breach of faith in spite of Marshal Pétain's repeated statements."

"To bring troops in this manner would be a hazardous undertaking. The distance is about 1,000 miles and it would mean that during its whole journey the plane would be exposed to view and attack. The German troop-carrying plane is a slow machine with a speed of about 150 miles per hour. It is not strong in armaments and is extremely vulnerable from the air and the ground. So I think it is improbable that any transport of such troops would be undertaken without fighter escort."

LIBYAN FIGHTING

"A feature of the Libyan fighting is the events at Tobruk. While Tobruk holds out, it will be a constant menace to the enemy advance. A feature of the campaign here is the large number of enemy troop-carrying planes that have been sent there and some of which we have destroyed. These may have been used in bringing troops and may still be used in an attack on Egypt."

"In this case air-borne troops may be used to seize air-fields or petrol supplies pending the arrival of other forces. There is no doubt that the struggle, when it comes, will be severe, but here the Axis will have to contend not only with a master of desert warfare, General Wavell, but with the disturbing factor of our naval forces along the whole route of the attack."

THREE CHINESE
KILLED

Three men, Wong Oneung, 32, Lau Fung, 23, and Chung Yung, 18, the first two employed as fitters by the Kowloon-Canton Railway, and the third an apprentice in the trade, were killed yesterday morning, about 9.15 o'clock, in an explosion that occurred on a repair job near Whitfield Barracks.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ethel Chun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. C. Chun, of Shanghai, and granddaughter of the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, of Hongkong, to Mr. J. Z. Huang, of the Chinese Embassy at Washington, D. C. and son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Huang, of Chungking.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP
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The Fifty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held in the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Wednesday, the 7th. May, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st. December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 2nd. May to Wednesday, the 7th. May, 1941 both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 24th. April, 1941.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office at the Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on Saturday, the 17th May, 1941 at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Board of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st. December, 1940.

The transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 7th to 17th May, 1941, both days inclusive.

LAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, 1st May, 1941.

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TURKEY KEPT INFORMED OF EVENTS IN IRAQ

British Policy Criticised By Times In Leader

ANKARA, May 6 (Reuter)—Turkey is being kept fully informed by Britain of events in Iraq and the British Ambassador saw the Turkish Foreign Minister on Monday.

The Turks are anxious to see the Iraq affair settled, but realise that the Rashid Ali Government is a German instrument.

The German Ambassador, Herr von Papen, has not yet returned to Turkey.

The situation in Iraq is the chief subject of comment in the London Press.

THE TIMES says: "In this country, the Iraqi outbreak has naturally aroused criticism and excited concern. It is not unreasonably being asked whether the Foreign Office was taken by surprise by the coup d'etat, if not what steps had been taken to meet probable consequences of the seizure of power by the notorious enemies of the British alliance."

WERE STEPS TAKEN?

The Times leader continues to deal with this point, and asks: "Was the Government informed by the Intelligence Service, if so, did the departments concerned take steps for executive action?"

Criticising the British policy in Iraq, The Times says that there have been too frequent changes in our Embassy, three Ambassadors and one acting Ambassador in the last four years. It is doubtful, though quite logical, to stress the unconstitutional methods employed by Rashid Ali to seize power, as the Iraqis have had little experience of a constitutional Government.

It concludes: "But these things are of the past at the moment and all that matters is to meet the new incident with speed and determination."

THE DAILY MAIL asks: "Have the British representatives in Iraq been taken by surprise? Has our Intelligence Service failed to report what has been going on? If so, why? This is no new thing. It has happened in half-a-dozen countries."

"Here is a country which has been under Britain's wing since the last war and yet German influence has been allowed to penetrate to an alarming extent."

The paper concludes: "Similarly, members of Parliament in coming to the two-day debate, will demand a prosecution of the Iraq operation with the utmost vigour."

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH comments: "Our air force quickly struck to a good purpose. The occupation of Basra has made it clear that the plot of Rashid Ali is to be vigorously dealt with."

"We have been assured by Mr. Anthony Eden that there will be no 'kiddie' policy for the threat to us in the Middle East."

The Telegraph deals, as do both other papers, with the fact that the "Rulers of the other Arab States are hostile to the usurper and the whole Arab world condemns him," and the concluding lines of this leader summarises and typifies all comment, "The situation is grave, but we have advantages from which bold and

RUBBER MONOPOLY IN BRITAIN

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter)—No trading occurred on the London rubber market yesterday and quotations were unavailable as the authorities discussed the market's future.

It is understood the Ministry of Supply has decided to become the sole importer and exporter of the commodity but will use the London Rubber Association in performing this function.

This recently appointed Rubber Controller continued conversations throughout the day with the trade.

No statement on these discussions has been issued but market circles are pessimistic fearing an eventual decision that might involve the suspension of business "for the duration."

QUEEN WILHELMINA TO BROADCAST

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter)—Queen Wilhelmina is to broadcast in the Radio Orange programme at 6.45 p.m. (G.M.T.) in the evening transmission of the B.B.C.'s European service on Saturday, May 10.

NORTH-WEST COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

CHUNGKING, May 6 (Central)—Interviewed by the Central News, Mr. Lai Lien, dean of the National North-west College of Engineering, who arrived here on a business trip, said that appreciable progress has been made by the College since its formation by the amalgamation of the engineering colleges of the National Peking University, and the North-east University, the Peking Engineering College and the Chiao-tso Engineering College.

There are now more than 1,000 students studying in eight departments, namely, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, civil engineering, aeronautical engineering, water conservancy, metallurgy, chemical engineering and textile art, and the research institute of metallurgy.

NEW DEPARTMENTS

Two new departments, industrial management and architecture, will be opened in the next academic year.

About 500 students have been graduated from the College during the last two years. They are now working in different organisations, helping in industrial reconstruction.

YUGOSLAV SHIPS IN AMERICA

Vessels Boarded By Coast Guardsmen

NEW YORK, May 6 (Reuter)—United States Coast Guard authorities announced yesterday that Coast Guardsmen have boarded Yugoslav ships as a precautionary measure at Brooklyn, New York, but declared that the ships had not been "seized."

This announcement followed a report in the New York Journal-American that the Yugoslav ships, Soreca, Nepl and President Kpalic have been taken over.

Coast Guardsmen said: "When the Coast Guard receives certain rumours, we take certain action."

The Journal-American reported that the President Kpalic had attempted to flee but was captured off Staten Island at the entrance of New York harbour.

LOYAL TO ALLIES

Coast Guard Headquarters stated that it understood the reason for the move was to determine whether the officers and crews of the vessels were loyal to King Peter or to the new government established in Yugoslavia.

Inspection of the ships is believed to have established that they are loyal to King Peter and Britain and no further action is being taken although a close watch will be kept on the ships.

There are 17 Yugoslav ships in United States ports at present.

Fighting Speech By Democratic Senator

WASHINGTON, May 6 (Reuter)—Democratic SENATOR CLAUDE PEPPER, of Florida, made a fighting speech favouring Britain in the Senate here today.

Senator Pepper declared, "IT IS TIME FOR THE UNITED STATES TO GET TOUGH" and proposed that the President should declare a state of national emergency.

Senator Pepper, who is one of Administration's leaders, also advocated the closing by the United States of "exits from Europe, Africa and Asia against any possible attack on the American continent, by jointly occupying, with Britain, Greenland, Iceland, Azores, the Cape Verde Islands, the Canary Islands, Dakar and Singapore so as to keep the sea lanes to Britain open and stifle any attempt by the Nazis to occupy them."

OPEN JUNCTION

Senator Pepper also suggested an open junction between the United States and British Navies in the Pacific to "shoot up the Japanese Fleet in its lair as we know they are waiting to draw the dagger to stab us."

Long-range American bombers, he added, should be made available to China which, manned by volunteer American pilots, would make a shambles of Tokyo, should react on him as on the barbary coast pirates and the Dillinger gangsters.

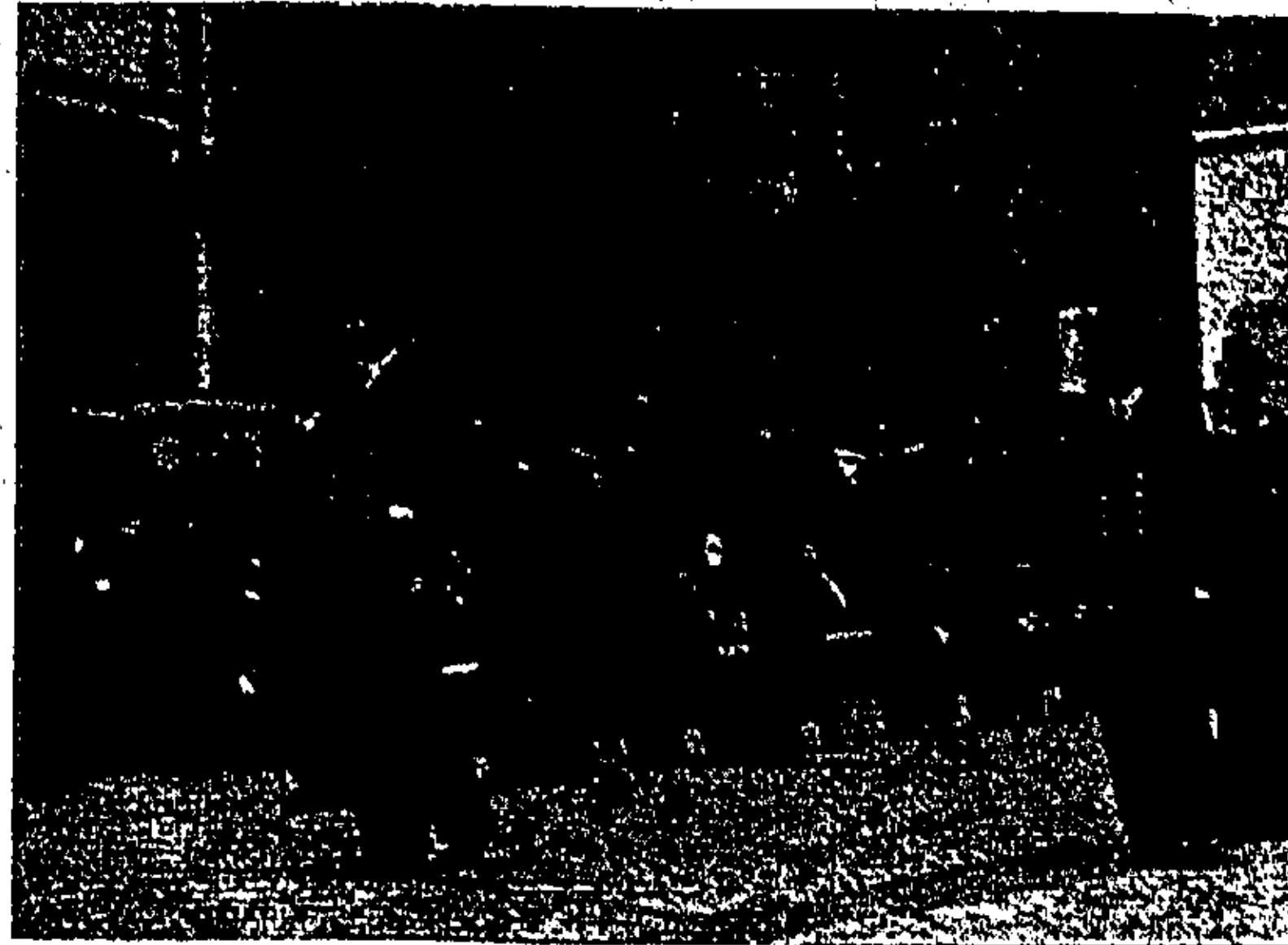
P.I. INVOLVED

MANILA, May 6 (Reuter)—"The trend of events seems to point strongly to the possibility of American entry into the present war and if such a situation should arise, it goes without saying that the Philippines would be involved

in it."

It is believed in well-informed circles that he will advocate the use of United States naval vessels for the delivery of war supplies to Britain.

NORWEGIAN RATINGS



A section of Norwegian ratings marching through a town somewhere on the east coast of Canada.

N.E.I. PREPARED TO FIGHT

BATAVIA, May 6 (Reuter)—The Netherlands East Indies is firmly resolved to fight if necessary and is prepared to do so.

declared the Netherlands Foreign Minister, DR. E. N. VAN KLEFFENS, in a broadcast to the people of the East Indies last night.

"We must fight till the Netherlands has risen again to the full time-honoured freedom and with its territory intact. This is something with which the present is keeping us occupied every day and through which the foreign affairs—unlike the past—are now engrossing our thoughts and actions continually."

"You have aided the cause of our country in every possible way. All classes of the Indies rallied round the Governor-General and have shown themselves to be a part of one indivisible kingdom and I can assure you that this firm attitude has made a deep impression not the least on our allies."

"The Indies have also realised that for the time being the bond between them and occupied Holland had to be severed."

"No matter how painful, we must accept the consequences of the fact that the Netherlands is in the hands of the enemy."

HARD LOT

"The hard lot of our loved ones in the mother country incite us to do our duty, each of us in our own particular place."

"From yet another point of view, foreign relations occupy a much larger part of our thoughts than before the war. Dark clouds have risen above the Pacific Ocean and its adjacent territories. There is tension in the atmosphere now which didn't exist before. This tension is also felt around the Indies."

"We want to live in peace with everyone, but not at any price. We are in no way aggressive and never a move which threatens others can be expected from our side. But what we shall do most certainly, is to resist the unreasonable demands and above all to fight if against our hopes we will be threatened also in these parts with armed force."

GERMAN INVASION OF THE AZORES

JERSEY CITY (New Jersey), May 6 (Reuter)—There is a widespread fear in Portugal that a German parachute invasion of the Azores might be imminent, said Captain Grove skipper of the liner 'Excalibur', on arrival here yesterday from Lisbon.

The day the 'Excalibur' left Lisbon he saw a Portuguese troopship with about 3,000 soldiers leave apparently for the Azores. He understood a similar contingent left for the Azores several days before.

COUNCIL MEMBERS DENOUNCED

SHANGHAI, May 6 (Reuter)—Although the Provisional Municipal Council includes three Japanese one of whom is the vice-chairman, the Japanese-sponsored Russian language daily, FAR EASTERN TIMES, published a full-page article today denouncing the Council members of which they were labelled as parasites, robbers, liars and bandits.

The matter is reported now as being studied by high Council officials in view of representations.

ANNUAL REPORT

A copy of the annual report for 1940 and Estimates for 1941 of the Shanghai Municipal Council has been received.

With its table of contents and an index, the Report gives complete records of the activities of the S. M. C. the strength of its Police force, crime in that city, medical report, a complete report of the annual meeting of Ratepayers in 1940, and conditions of the real estate market.

It is a veritable mine of information to those interested in the leading coastal port of China.

HAITI AGREEMENT

WASHINGTON, May 6 (Reuter)—The United States and Haiti reached an agreement in principle to end the United States supervision of Haitian customs and internal revenue collections instituted in 1934 for the protection of United States holders of Haitian bonds.

Story Of Clash

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within the East Asia sphere and should respect Japan's position as the leader of the sphere.

The paper adds that the agreement and the establishment of the peace in East Asia are co-relative.

The NICHU NICHU SHIMBUN hopes that Indo-China will co-operate with Japan "as a good neighbour for the sake of consolidating a co-prosperity sphere."

TWO TREATIES

It is officially announced that Japan and Indo-China this afternoon signed two treaties, regarding navigation rights and customs tariff trade payments.

After six months of negotiations, two treaties were signed by Japan and Indo-China this afternoon, the Information Board announced.

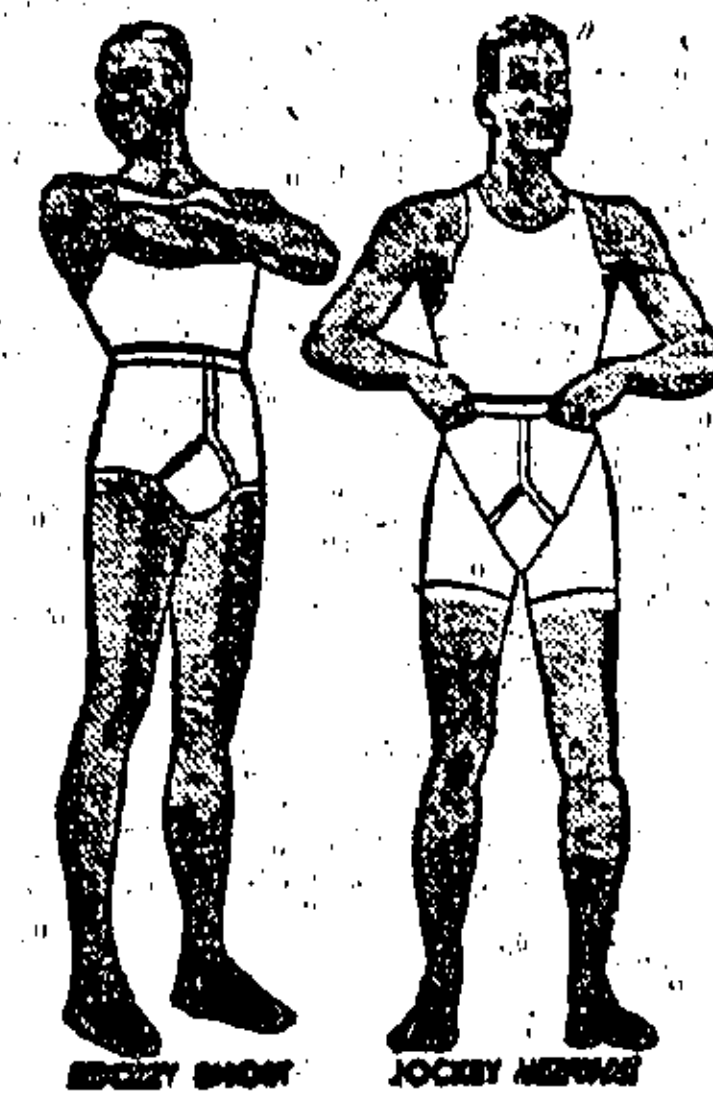
They are described as a convention of the establishment of navigation and an agreement concerning customs tariffs, trade and method of payment.

A NEW PHASE

The Board statement says: "Convention and agreement will contribute greatly towards making closer Japanese and French Indo-China economic relations thereby ushering a new phase in the collaboration between Japan and France in East Asia, the fact of which is a source of mutual congratulation."

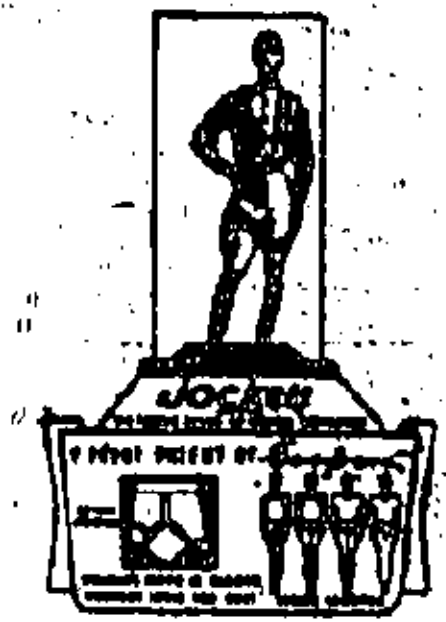
The convention of the establishment of navigation provides reciprocal treatment of nationals and vessels of the two parties.

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Vigorous Commons Debate On The War Effort Anticipated

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter)—The next two sittings of the House of Commons and the next sitting of the Lords will be occupied by consideration of the Government motion approving Government's policy in sending help to Greece and declaring confidence that the Imperial operations in the Middle East and other theatres will be pursued by Government with the utmost vigour, writes Reuter's Political correspondent.

As there is nothing in the nature of a crisis it will not be surprising if, despite an animated debate in which at least two former War Ministers hope to participate, criticisms are not carried as far as a division in the Lobby except by a few like the Independent Labour Party men (who want a new government) and some of the more out and out critics of British war strategy, diplomacy and intelligence services.

Mr. Eden will open the proceedings and according to present plans there will be only two other Government speakers—Mr. Attlee in the middle and Mr. Churchill at the end.

Intention is to give "back-benchers full scope for debate."

Mr. Hore-Belisha and Mr. Oliver Stewart, both former War Ministers, hope to speak and Mr. Lloyd George is a possible participant.

LODDS DISCUSSION

In the Lords the discussion is expected to last only three hours.

When a debate was first demanded in the Commons, it offered the prospect of major political consequences but the Government appointments last week have removed the likelihood of any such

development, at least pending knowledge how the new Ministers are to fit into the whole war machine.

Unless, therefore, some unusual turn is given to the discussion it seems unlikely that it will be much more than a useful ventilation of steam generated by recent events in Libya, Greece, Iraq and Turkey, coupled with current criticism of production, organisation of man power and related problems in Britain.

EASTERN GROUP COUNCIL

SIMLA, May 6 (Reuter)—Reuter understands that all representatives of the participating countries in the Eastern Group Council has arrived here, including the officer of the central provision office.

The Council is now in full operation, co-ordinating the daily supply of requirements and expanding the output of the Eastern Group countries.

COLOSSAL ORDERS

CANBERRA, May 6 (Reuter)—Colossal orders for manufactured textile pieces have been received in the Commonwealth from the Delhi Eastern Supply Group.

The textiles will be for the use of troops.

The wedding took place in Shanghai, on April 27, at the Russian Orthodox Cathedral of Mr. N. T. Sopp, Deputy Commissioner of Chinese Maritime Customs and son of Dr. and Mrs. Olav Sopp, of Norway, and Miss Irene Mavridis, daughter of Mrs. X. G. Mavridis of Shanghai. Mrs. Josephine de Mule and Mrs. Lucy Dimitriadis were matrons of honour. Miss Mary Thompson acted as bridesmaid. Cleo and Daphne Dimitriadis were the flower girls, and there were two pages, Mano Andrews and Michael Mavridis. The bestmen were Messrs. G. E. Andrews, A. Nicholas and A. M. Otter, the ushers being Mr. H. Gonda and Mr. A. de Mule.

Provisions are made to increase the trade and export to Japan of rice, coal, minerals and other products and for export to Indo-China of textiles and other manufactured articles and miscellaneous products from Japan.

Indo-China agrees to afford special favour with respect to payment for Indo-China purchases by Japan.

An agreement was also reached on questions of admission of Japanese commercial firms into the Federation of Importers and Exporters of Indo-China, participation of Japanese capital in agricultural and mining concession in Indo-China.

JOINT EXPLOITATION
TOKYO, May 6 (Reuter)—The Japan-Indo-China agreements are interpreted here as placing Indo-China virtually under the joint Franco-Japanese exploitation, although morally the French remain nominally sovereign over the territory.

SHANGHAI, May 6 (Reuter)—Wholesale arrests are reported to be taking place following the launching of a Japanese campaign by the Japanese authorities to "round up" foreigners in the Japanese-occupied areas of Shanghai.

LAMMERTS AUCTIONS

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THE Undersigned have received from the Liquidators and others to sell by

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Comprising:—

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1 Fine Tientsin Carpet 9' x 12' (almost new)
1 Fine Tientsin Carpet 8' x 10' (almost new)

On View from Thursday,
the 8th May, 1941.

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NEW FUEL

PARIS.—George Claude, the famous French scientist and author of a number of works on the thermic energy of the seas, has submitted to the inspection of the Academy of Sciences here an automobile running on acetylene ammonia, a new fuel which he invented.

His researches in the use of alcohol as fuel by dissolving under pressure a certain amount of acetylene into it, has resulted in his invention of the new fuel.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

UNEMPLOYED REMANDED

Cheng Lam, 28, unemployed, of No. 5, Kwong King Terrace, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday with larceny of a type-writer and a fountain pen, the property of Tung Sik-fai, on Apr. 19.

He was remanded until Friday for making further enquiries, on the application of Det.-Sgt. W. Summers, who is in charge of the case.

FRAUDULENT CONVERSION

Hearing of the case in which Chan Ng-tai, alias Chan Fook-cho, master of the Fook Ming Shop, No. 159, Des Voeux Road Central, ground floor, is charged with fraudulent conversion of a big sum of money was fixed for May 22 by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

It was alleged that defendant converted to his own use or benefit the sum of \$2,800, which is part of \$4,300 entrusted to him by Chu Tung, banker, of No. 298, Queen's Road Central, second floor, for the purpose of buying a specific bangle.

Defendant was on \$4,000 bail. Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes is in charge of the case.

WIRELESS TRANSMITTER

Two persons, one described as a Kuomintang reporter and another as a buyer for the Chinese Inspectorate and Statistic Bureau, and three others were further remanded for a week on a charge of possessing a wireless transmitting and receiving apparatus without the necessary permit at the second floor of No. 89, Robinson Road, on Apr. 28 by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

The other defendants were Luk Kam-wah, 23, shop master of the Tai Chung Stationery Shop, Chan Chit, 23, unemployed, and Luk Kam-fu, 19, student.

Mr. Alfred Y. Hon appeared in Court and said that Mr. Peter H. Sin will be representing all defendants, who were on \$2,000 bail each.

Mr. D. W. Waterton, Inspector of Wireless, G.P.O., is appearing for the prosecution.

POSSESSION OF DYNAMITE

A mining foreman, Wong Hock-ching, 25, of no fixed abode, was remanded by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday until Friday for making further enquiries on a charge of unlawful possession of 20 sticks of dynamite at Eastern Street.

Sgt. W. McLeod is in charge of the case.

CONVICTION REGISTERED

Pleading guilty to a charge of unlawful possession of 70 bamboo canes at Victoria Road, near Cado-gan Street, Li Hon-kong, 36, unemployed, was fined \$1 or seven days' hard labour by Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday.

Sgt. Woodhead prosecuted.

DANCE COUPON CASE

Charged with receiving a \$10 dance coupon of the Cathay Ballroom on Apr. 14, knowing it to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained, Wong Fuk-cheung, 28, salesman, Chan So, 30, teacher, and Wong Wing-hin, 22, salesman, were remanded for a further week by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

The complainant in this case is Kiu Hing, 20, woman, of Room 310, St. Francis Hotel.

Mr. M. A. Da Silva, who appeared for the prosecution, told the Court that further charges might be preferred against them.

All defendants, who are on \$500 bail each, will be represented by Mr. K. F. Wong.

Acting Sub-Inspr. P. Nolan is in charge of the case.

OFFICER CAUTIONED

Paymaster-Lieut. J. S. Theobald was summoned before Mr. Sheldon yesterday for driving without due care and caution.

The summons accused him of driving car No. 5048 at 55 m. p. h. on the wrong side of a bend on Shek O Road on Apr. 20.

Defendant pleaded not guilty, saying that he could not recollect the alleged incident.

Sgt. J. Scott, of the Special Branch, testified that he was driving towards Shek O at 5.30 p.m. on the day in question and had to pull up in order to avoid a collision. (The other car swung round the bend with its tyres screeching and went on its way without stopping.)

Evidence was also given by Miss Margaret Scott, who was travelling in Sgt. Scott's car.

Defendant was discharged with a caution. Traffic Sgt. J. Hunter prosecuted.

TALKOO THEFTS SEQUEL

As a result of the discovery of a lot of bolts, nuts and rivets stolen from the Talkoo Docks, a woman and a man appeared before Major Macfadyen yesterday on several charges in connexion with theft.

Tsang Shun-cheung, woman, was charged with carrying on a marine dealer's store without a licence from the Commissioner of Police at No. 65, Shaukwan Road, ground floor, wilfully obstructing L. S. C104, Sung Po, in the execution of his duty at Sai Wan Ho, and receiving stolen property on Apr. 19.

Pung Hin faced charges of having in possession, at his marine shop in Sai Wan Ho, a quantity of bolts, nuts and rivets, which he was unable to give a satisfactory account of how he came to get them, and receiving stolen property.

Mr. D. Brittain Evans appeared on behalf of the Talkoo Docks, while both defendants were represented by Mr. D. McCallum.

Sgt. W. L. Kinloch said that the marine store in question was the See Kee shop.

Major Macfadyen reserved sentence until Friday at 12.15 p.m.

AT KOWLOON

TRAFFIC SUMMONS

V. F. M. de Souza, of No. 287, Prince Edward Road, was summoned before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday for speeding in the Nathan Road controlled area on April 10.

Pleading guilty on behalf of accused, Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho said that his client had been driving for a long time and he had a clear record.

Accused was cautioned.

BARBER BOUND OVER

The fight between a Chinese doctor and a barber at Yaumati on Monday had a sequel before Mr. Macnamara yesterday when Lam Hau, 14, barber, was charged with assaulting Ho Hung-on, 49, Chinese doctor, with a chopper, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm.

It was stated that accused was the principal tenant while complainant was a sub-tenant at No. 56, Temple Street. Accused was chased out by the landlord for failing to pay \$170 rent.

Accused returned to the address on Monday morning to fetch his belongings and took part of the things belonging to complainant.

An argument ensued and accused picked up a chopper and attacked complainant. The doctor received injuries and was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

Accused was placed on a bond of \$10 to be of good behaviour for one year.

BROTHERS FALL OUT

How a fight between two brothers caused the summoning of the Fire Brigade and the Emergency Unit was related before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday when Mok Kang, 45, and Mok Lok, 33, were charged with disorderly conduct by fighting at No. 2, Kai Yan Road.

Sgt. Whitley said that about 7.30 p.m. on May 5 the younger member visited his brother and asked for a loan of \$3. Upon being refused he developed a temper and struck his brother with an opium pipe. The wife of the elder brother raised the alarm as the fight progressed.

Mistaking it for a fire alarm, the neighbours summoned the Fire Brigade and the Emergency Unit which arrived at the scene to find the two brothers fighting.

Defendants were bound over in the sum of \$15 to be of good behaviour for one year.

WOMEN IN BRAWL

A Russian woman, Vera Locke, 34, of No. 26, Carnarvon Road, and Chan Siu-ling, 22, widow, of Shanghai, were charged before Mr. Anderson yesterday with disorderly conduct, with intent to provoke, a breach of the peace in Salisbury Road.

Det.-Sgt. H. T. Matches said that defendants had a fight near their address on the morning of May 5. Later they met near the Star Ferry Wharf and began to fight again. They were taken to the Police and were later admitted into hospital.

The Chinese woman alleged that the Russian woman had borrowed money from her and refused to pay back.

Locke, who failed to appear, had her bail of \$10 forfeited, while Chan was ordered to sign a per-

SUMMARY COURT ACTION

CLAIM FOR RETURN OF DIESEL ENGINE

A successful claim for the return of a complete set of parts of a two-cylindrical Diesel engine of 50 horse power with accessory was brought before Mr. Justice Cressall at the Summary Court yesterday by Leung Fat-ming, trading as the Shing Lee Shipbuilder and the Sim Din Co., against Ho Chung, trading as the Ho Chung Kee firm.

Plaintiff alternatively claimed the sum of \$1,000, being the value of the engine.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios represented plaintiff while Mr. P. Wynter-Blyth was for the defence.

Mr. Wynter-Blyth said that his client was unable to come to court as he had been sick for a long time. He had tried to induce his client to bring a medical certificate but defendant had been sick so long that he had spent all his money.

ADJOURNMENT OPPOSED

Mr. Remedios said that the case started as far back as Jan. last and had been adjourned from time to time. At the last adjournment Mr. Williams said he would give judgment to plaintiff if defendant would not turn up at the next date fixed. Mr. Remedios added that he opposed a further adjournment.

Mr. Justice Cressall said that since so many opportunity had been given defendant to appear in Court, and who had failed to produce a medical certificate he would allow plaintiff's claim with costs. His Lordship also issued an order for the release of the machinery from the Bailiff.

DRAFT THEFT SEQUEL

The case in which Wong Sang, 35, unemployed, was charged on three counts in connexion with alleged theft of a bank draft for \$500, from his sister-in-law, Ho Lin, 24, widow, at No. 24, Second Street, second floor, on Apr. 9 was heard before Mr. Lowry yesterday. The draft was issued by the Chun Hing Bank, No. 28, Pottinger Street.

Complainant, in evidence, said that the money was left by her husband, who died last December. She put the draft in an unlocked trunk in defendant's presence.

She was later told by the bank that defendant had drawn part of the money.

The case was adjourned to-morrow at 11.30 a.m.

Det.-St. W. Summers prosecuted.

sonal bond of \$25 to be of good behaviour for one year.

CAPT. CHATTEY REMANDED
Capt. Walter Harold Pawlesland Chattey, of the Middlesex Regiment, who was charged with a serious offence, appeared before Mr. Anderson yesterday for a further remand of three days.

Defendant was on \$500 bail.

ASSAULT ALLEGED

Alleged to have assaulted Ngo Gee-wo, accountant, of the Chinese Telegraph Company at No. 3 Connaught Road, with intent to rob him, Kwong Ki, 20, was charged before Mr. Macnamara yesterday.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ appeared for defendant while Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser was for the Police.

Complainant, residing at No. 138, Temple Street, about 9.15 p.m. on Apr. 19, complainant went home and was followed by three Chinese. As he was moving the steps, two men seized his arms behind while another pointed a knife at his face.

Complainant succeeded in breaking away and ran down the staircase.

Accused was intercepted by a Chinese constable. After evidence, hearing was adjourned to-morrow at 11.30 a.m.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Committal proceedings against Chan Tak, 20, Cheng Chan-leung, 20, Chan Ming-lap, 21, and Chung Yu-shing, 20, all folks of a tea-house at No. 7, Cheung On Street, who were charged with manslaughter, were concluded before Mr. Anderson yesterday when Chan Tak and Chung Yu-shing were discharged and the others committed to the next Criminal Sessions.

It was alleged that the two defendants assaulted an unknown Chinese and caused his death for failing to pay 11 cents worth of tea and cakes on April 11.

Chief Det.-Insp. Carey, assisted by Det.-Sgt. C. Downman, prosecuted.

THE NEW 'EMPIRE' VICAR

A dark young man of 36 stepped into the place of Pat McCormick and Dick Sheppard at St. Martin-in-the-Fields one day and won instant approval.

The congregation watched their new vicar, the Rev. Eric Stephen Loveday, mount the steps to the pulpit to deliver his first sermon in the "Parish Church of the Empire."

They were pleased with his deep, beautifully modulated voice, his grave sincerity.

As they left, people were already speaking familiarly of him as "Eric Loveday."

Already, they were unconsciously dropping the formal "Reverend," as everyone did when speaking of his famous predecessors.

In the darkened church, with its boarded windows, his words and voice were those of a great pulpit personality.

He thanked his two predecessors, who created and maintained something "new and beautiful in English church life."

'HOME TO LOST'

"You and I cannot but be conscious that from this place to the farthest corners of the earth this is holy ground indeed to men and women, many of whom have never seen this church and probably will never see it."

"This church offers a welcome to the stranger and a home to the lost. Here come many whom the world counts little in the office and the factory."

I saw the new vicar slipping quietly away from his church after the "ordeal" of his first service.

"I shall like it here," he told me. "I feel at home already."

Outside the main entrance members of the congregation were discussing Eric Loveday, and deciding they liked him too.

VICHY'S OVERSEAS CONSULATES

The Foreign Ministry recently announced the following appointments and transfers, affecting French consular officials in the Far East:

M. Albert Cadot, 1st Class Secretary-Interpreter in the Far East, at present in Swatow, will take charge of the French Consulate in Amoy.

M. Robert German, 1st Class Secretary-Interpreter in the Far East, at present in charge of the French Consulate in Mukden, will take charge of the Consulate in Hankow.

M. Jean Dubosc, 1st Class Secretary-Interpreter in the Far East, at present acting archivist in the French Embassy in Peking, will become archivist at the same post.

M. Charles Rennes, Vice-Consul in Hongkong, will take charge of the French Consulate in Mukden.

M. Raoul Duval, who was appointed Consul in Harbin but did not serve in that capacity, will be in charge of the French Consulate in Hongkong.

M. Pierre Molland, 3rd Class Secretary-Interpreter at present in Peking, will act as Secretary-Interpreter and collector in the French Consulate in Hankow.

JUDGED BY HEREDITY

OSLO.—A knowledge of the laws governing heredity may sometimes be put to strange uses, notably in tracing the fathers of illegitimate children.

Once, when a brachydactylic child (having short fingers) was born to an unmarried mother in Norway, the village judge examined the mother. He found her fingers of normal long formation, and then looked about for a man with short fingers. Brachydactyly is a dominant characteristic, and could only have been inherited from a man with that peculiar formation.

There was only one such man for miles around the district, and he was obliged by the court to acknowledge the child, upon whom he had so unwittingly left his unmistakable signature.

LONDON, May 6. (Reuter).—The Royal Yugoslav Government has formed a joint press bureau with Serb, Croat and Slovene personnel as part of the organization creating conformity in determination to wage a united struggle against the Axis.



Follow the simple health rule of daily Inner Cleanliness. Then, not only will you keep fresh and look your best, but you'll feel fitter physically and mentally. From the moment you drink your tonic sparkling glass of Andrews, your Inner Cleanliness begins. See how Andrews does its purifying work:

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PLYWOOD SYNTHETIC RIVAL OF STEEL

BY KATE ARCHIBALD

Boston.—Steel, for a number of uses, has a synthetic rival, the perfected plywood; a sandwich of wood and glue that is cold-and-heat-and water-resistant. Plywood can be bent or molded into sculptured forms, yet is found to be "pound for pound, stronger than steel," according to Charles E. Devlin, speaking for the Douglas Fir Plywood Association in Tacoma, Washington.

Plywood, described as "an achievement in wood," is, like plastics, a laboratory product. It is the synthetic resinous glue which binds the plies together that makes a new and different product out of wood. This binder, under heat and pressure, impregnates the wood layers and glues them into panels which after they are tempered, become steel-like in strength.

A present large use for the material is in the building of military barracks. The insulation features of plywood, its lightness plus strength, and quickness and utility in fabrication, made it ideal for such a purpose.

The base camp at Little America was fashioned partly of this new exterior type of plywood to help in the insulation against 70-below-zero weather, and Admiral Byrd's snow cruiser was built partly of the same material. Boats used in the Nevills' expedition down the Colorado River and in another venturesome trip down the John Day River in Oregon were built of plywood.

Much of the American supply of plywood is made from Douglas fir from trees 200 to 400 years old, many of them eight feet in diameter, the average being six. Most of these trees come from the ancient forests on the Olympic Peninsula, Washington.

In the mills these choice logs are literally peeled, which gives them their name; in a process reminiscent of the unwinding of newsprint. Sheets of this wood are glued together in three or more plies with the grain running crosswise in alternate layers. The plywood for exterior use is glued under a hot press.

PORTABLE USE

Plywood is used extensively for built-ins, for portables, and magazine racks, but it has graduated into the construction of buildings, from the noble Colonnade of States at the San Francisco Fair to stock houses on the prairies.

Its convenient panels, without useless bulk or dead weight, make it ideal for building. It is claimed that a carpenter can place 32 square feet of plywood in the time that it would take him to place 10 square feet of regular lumber. Relatively few nails are necessary. A prediction was made before a recent housing conference at Yale University that the house of the future would be put together without nails and would be fastened with glue binders.

Building of plywood do not have to wait for plaster to dry, so the paper hanger or painter can immediately follow the carpenter. There is no seasoning of the wood after construction, no shrinkage, no frame movement, and no cracking.

Interior surfaces can either be finished to show the grain of the panels or they can be painted or papered. In a model house sponsored by a Los Angeles department store each room was finished in plywood and each was individual in character.

"Some architects see in plywood an influence in new design. Because it can be curved or molded, and by reason of its clean, flowing lines and decorative graining, it is adapted to modern building," they say, from Hollywood stage sets and artist studios, to gas stations and modern residences.

STURDY VALUE

Its esthetic values are balanced by its structural sturdiness. It is used for subflooring and sheathing, for gusset plates and trusses and frames, for outdoor signboards, for buses and freight cars, for farm buildings, milk sheds, root houses, and wherever weatherproofing and flush construction are of vital necessity. Success has been attained and tests continue to be made of the use of plywood in horizontally laminated arches to replace solid beams in such structures as gymnasiums, churches, and garages.

Where humidity, high moisture hazards, and insulation are necessities, plywood has many uses. It goes into tempering chambers, dry kilns, incubators, dry ice refrigerators, and seed beds. It is said to be repellent to wood borers and mold.

Concrete forms of plywood are increasingly used. The large, seamless panels produce smooth, finished surfaces that give to concrete a sculptured appearance comparable to marble. The San Francisco-Oakland Bridge exemplifies the application of plywood to concrete for smooth, beautiful effects. The Chicago Post Office is another.

SWORDFISH BREED NEAR CUBA

NEW YORK.—Ernest Hemingway, author and playwright, recently presented the American Museum of Natural History with a specimen of one of the smallest big game fish on record—a swordfish weighing eight pounds and measuring less than four feet long, caught near Havana.

The new acquisition confirms a belief that the breeding grounds of the Atlantic swordfish is off the coast of Cuba.

This unusual specimen was caught by commercial fishermen near Havana at a depth of 380 feet, and was discovered tangled in the line. Thus, not having been hooked, it was in a perfect state. "The breeding grounds of the swordfish is a mystery to science," said Miss Francesca LaMonte, of the Museum, "and it is very heartening to have the capture of this young fish off Cuba confirm to some extent that that may be the breeding grounds of the Atlantic swordfish."

"The specimen presented to us by Mr. Hemingway, although not the smallest on record, is an interesting stage of growth, resembling neither the baby swordfish nor the full grown adult."

HUANG YEN-PEI IN HONGKONG

Subscriptions to the N.C. \$1,200,000 Military Supply Bonds recently floated by the Chinese Government in Chungking have now reached over \$100,000,000, about four times the original goal of \$30,000,000, according to Mr. Huang Yen-peí, secretary-general of the Wartime Bonds Committee, who arrived in Hongkong from Chungking by plane last Saturday night to push the sale of the bonds here.

Mr. Huang said that farmers and other people in the countryside of the wartime capital are particularly enthusiastic in subscribing to the wartime bonds. The Committee has organized two units for a subscription campaign in the countryside and they have achieved good results.

Mr. Huang will discuss measures for boosting the sale of the bonds here with Hon. Sir Shouson Chow.

Mr. Huang, over 60-year old, native of Pootung, Kiangsu, is a well-known Chinese scholar, and educator. He was arrested by the Manchukuo Government as a revolutionary and sentenced to death but was later rescued. He is the founder of the Chinese Vocational Education Society, through which vocational education was popularized in China.

Since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, he has been devoting untiring efforts for the unity of the nation. He is a member of the People's Political Council.

Finance and Commerce

BUDGET DEBATE IN CANADA

Government Warned By Opposition Leader

OTTAWA, May 6 (Reuter).—Expressing confidence in the people to face the sacrifices imposed by the new taxes, the Opposition Leader of the Canadian House of Commons, Mr. R. B. Hanson, opened the Budget Debate and warned the Government that there was widespread dissatisfaction over the manner in which the money was being spent.

Peace-time expenditure must be cut to the bone, he said. He was equally confident that the Canadians demand was for the same high and inspiring leadership which Mr. Churchill was giving Britain and which President Roosevelt was giving the United States, lighting the way and guiding the people along the path to ultimate victory.

"MIGHTY WALL" TORONTO, May 6 (Reuter).—The fight for freedom will be won "because Canada as well as Britain and all those associated with her will stop at nothing that can effectively be done to ensure the overthrow of Nazism," declared the Minister of Defence, Colonel Ralston in a speech here yesterday. He believed that the events of the past week—steps by the United States for increased aid to Britain—had given the enemy a "mighty wall."

H.K. Stock Exchange

Tuesday, May 6, 1941.

BUYERS
Indo-Chinas (Pref.), \$50.
Providents, \$4.50.
Realities, \$2.50.
Macao Electrics, \$17.
SELLERS
Providents, \$5.
Trams, \$17.
Lane Crawfords, \$7.25.
SALES
Docks, \$15.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume Of Business Transacted on Tuesday, May 6, 1941.

SALES
China Lights (O) 100 \$5.85
The total value is \$585.00.

LOSHAN-SICHANG HIGHWAY

A new line will be added to the south-west highway system. This is the Loshan-Sichang highway linking Szechwan with Sikong construction work on which is expected to be completed toward the end of this month.

This new highway measures about 170 miles, passing through Ornel, Fulm, Mienning and Luku. From its west terminus Sichang it will be extended to Shangyun in Yunnan to link up with the Burma Road, thus forming an international route.

Construction was begun two years ago. But owing to various difficulties, it had been going on at a sluggish pace until last year when the Central authorities ordered its early completion in view of its importance in southwest communication.

The total outlay is more than N.C. \$70,000,000. Over 100,000 workers, including 10,000 Yunnanese, are engaged. Owing to the sparse population along the route, especially in the Sikong sector, large numbers of the workers are hired from various districts in Szechwan.

MORE DIFFICULT

As the highway traverses mountainous terrain, construction is even more difficult than that of the Burma Road, though not comparable in magnitude.

At Yenwoku on the Szechwan-Sikong border where the highway lies across a high cliff and a deep valley some forty workers have slipped from the cliff and have been killed during the past year. Thousands of workers were employed in building the road at this place alone.

The shortage of rice and other articles of daily necessity also present a difficult problem. Supplies for more than 100,000 workers have to be transported from Szechwan and elsewhere.

LONDON GOLD

London, May 5 (Reuter).
Bar Gold, fine per oz., \$68/-

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE. SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	TUESDAY 6 MAY.	Buyer	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
				Banks				
				H.K. Banks				\$1315
				Do. (Col. Reg.)				278
				Do. (Lon. Reg.)				271
				Chartered Banks				283
				Mercantile Bks. "A"				222
				Mercantile Bks. "C"				211
				Bank of East Asia				\$70
				N. C. & S. Banks				15 ct.
				Insurance				
				Canton Insurance				\$322
				Union Insurance				\$415
				Underwriters				\$425
				H.K. Fire				80 cts
				Shipping				\$187
				Douglases				\$125
				Steamboats				\$7
				Indo-Chinas (Pref.)				\$80
				Indo-Chinas (Def.)				\$80
				Shells				40/0
				Waterboats				\$64
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
				H.K. & K. Wharves				\$56
				Providents				\$4.60
				H.K. Docks (Old)				\$14.90
				H.K. Docks (New)				\$25
				18 Shanghai Docks				\$25
				Mining				
				Kailans				12/6
				Ranba				8
				Hong Kong Mines				12 cts
				Lands, Hotels and Buildings				
				H.K. & S. Hotels				\$2.80
				H.K. Lands				\$31
				Do. 4% Debentures				\$97
				Shanghai Lands				\$12
				H.K. Realities				\$3
				Humphreys				\$2.70
				Chinese Estates				
				Cotton Mills				
				Ewo (S.)				\$37
				S'hai Cottons (S.)				\$200
				Zoong Sings (S.)				\$125
				Wing On Textiles (S.)				
				Public Utilities				
				H.K. Tramways				\$15.50
				Peak Trams (old)				\$7
				Peak Trams (new)				\$3
				S'hai Ferries				\$61
				Y'wai Ferries				\$25
				China Lights (O)				\$1.40
				China Lights (New)				\$24.40
				H.K. Electric (Old)				\$33.85
				H.K. Electric (New)				\$12
				H.K. Electric (Rta)				
				Macao Electric				
				Macao Electric				
				Sandakan Lights				\$3
				Telephones (old)				\$3
				Telephones (new)				\$3
				Industrials				
				Cald. Macg. (Ord.) S.				75 cts
				Cald. Macg. (Pref.) S.				\$14
				Canton Ice				\$1
				Comstar				\$1
				H.K. Rope				\$8
				H.K. Govt. Loans				
				4% Loan				\$7
				5% " (1934)				\$4
				5% " (1940)				
				Miscellaneous				
				Dairy Farms				\$17
				Entertainments				\$3
				Constructions (old)				\$1.65
				Constructions (new)				\$7
				Lane Crawfords				\$3.95
				Nanyang Tobacco				\$2.30
				Sincere				\$3
				Watsons				\$3
				Ch. G. 5% 1925 \$Bds.				25%
				H.K. Wing On				\$4
				S'hai Wing On				\$4
				Vibro Piling				\$4
				Margamas Inv. (Lon)				\$4
				Margamas Inv. (H.K.)				\$4
				Wm. Poyalls				\$4
				Lights Rta				\$4
				15 Sale to Shanghai				\$4



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AMERICAN FLOUR FOR FRANCE

VICHY, May 6 (Reuter).—Two French freighters, Ile de Re and Leopold, laden with 14,000 tons of American flour, have arrived at Marseilles from the United States, says the Vichy news agency.

The gift will enable free rations to be distributed on three Sundays with the active help of the general delegate from the Red Cross in Europe, Mr. Allen, the agency adds.

FEDERAL RESERVE RETURNS

New York, May 5 (Reuter).
Apr. 22. Apr. 29
(000's Omitted)
Total Loans \$ 2,831,000 \$ 2,870,000
Investments 17,715,000 17,680,000

Contradictory Jap. Statements

CHUNGKING, May 6 (Reuter).—When the Japanese landed troops on the Chekiang coast on Apr. 18 they occupied Wenzhou, Haimen and other ports and the Japanese announced their determination to cut off the important supply routes to Chungking, says the Takungpao. "Now they announce that they are withdrawing after the completion of operations there leaving these supply routes once more open to the Chinese."

"These Japanese statements are so contradictory that one often wonders just what are the objectives of these Japanese operations."

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange yesterday was quietly firm.

Glit-edged, home rails and a few leading industrials maintained early small advances but business failed to develop apart from some professional support for home rails.

Oils were dull, Kaffirs were irregular and foreign bonds were inclined to be easy. Wall Street was quietly steady.

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CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MAY 6, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand	455
On Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:—	
On demand	108 1/2
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, and demand	82 5/8
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 3/4	
Credits, 60 days sight 24 1/2	
On Batavia:—	
On demand	44 1/2
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand	103
On Manila:—	
On demand	47 1/2
On Bangkok:—	
On demand	149 1/2
On Sterling, Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz.	23 1/2

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Tuesday, May 6.
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for both Ready and Forward. Silver advices reported the market as being steady and idle. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

Quiet.
STERLING
There were sellers at 1/3 up to June, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS
Opened with sellers at 24 3/16 with some business done later at 24 1/4 for forward and near. The market closed at lunch time with sellers at 24 3/16 for near, buyers at 24 1/4 for near and probably July.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Opened with sellers at 465 1/2 with small business done at 466 and 465 3/4. The market closed at lunch time with sellers at 465 1/2, buyers probably at 465 3/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Sterling opened with sellers at 3 7/32 and then rose to 3 15/64. The market closed at lunch time with sellers at 3 7/32 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 3/16 with business done at 5 7/32. The market closed with sellers at 5 3/16 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

STERLING
The market closed with sellers at 1/3 up to June, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS
Closed steady with sellers at 24 1/4 for near and forward, buyers at 24 5/16 for Cash. No business was reported this afternoon.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Business was done in the afternoon at 465 followed by transactions at 464 1/2, 464, 463 3/4 and 463 1/2. The market closed with sellers at 463 1/2, buyers at 463 1/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Closed steady with sellers of Sterling at 3 15/64 for Spot and U.S. Dollars at 5 7/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 6 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

Opening	0/3-1/8
London	5-1/3
New York	21-3/4
Japan	17-1/4
India	17-1/4
Paris	nominal
Hongkong	20-3/4

Sterling

Opening Closing

Spot 0/3-7/32 0/3-7/32

May 0/3-7/32 0/3-7/32

June 0/3-7/32 0/3-7/32

U.S. Dollars

Spot 45-3/16 45-3/16

May 45-3/16 45-3/16

June 45-3/16 45-3/16

Market: Quiet but steady.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 24 1/4 per cent.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, May 5, 1940.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, July	11.89	11.74	11.83	08 off
New York Rubber, July	24.30	23.35	23.83	28 off
Chicago Wheat, July	944	921	921	1 off
Chicago Corn, July	70	69 1/2	69 1/2	1 up
New York Hides, June	14.35	14.24	14.11b	14.26 15 up

NEW YORK COTTON

	Close	Change
May	11.81/81	11.73 N 08 off
July	11.83/83	11.75/76 08 off
October	11.85/88	11.80/81 08 off
December	11.89/89	11.86/87 03 off
January	11.87 N	11.86/86 01 off
March	11.86/88	11.86/88 unch.
Spot	12.05	11.97 08 off

Total sales Saturday: 119,400 bales.

The last trading day for May cotton is May 16.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	Close	Change
May	23.13 N	23.80 N 67 up
July (New contract)	23.83/83	23.55/57 28 off
September	23.27/27	23.25/25 02 off
December	22.95/95	22.85 N 10 off

Total sales for the day: 3,110 tons.

The last trading day for May rubber is May 27.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	Close	Change
May	94 1/4	94 1/4 1 up
July	93 3/4	92 1/2 08 off
September	93 1/2	93 1/2 1 off

Saturday's sales: 20,518,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	Close	Change
May	69/89	69 1/4 1 up
July	69/89	69 1/2 1 up
September	69/89	69 1/2 1 up

NEW YORK HIDES

	Close	Change
June	14.11b/15a	14.26/26 15 up
September	14.20/23	14.36/36 16 up

Total sales for the day: 200 lots.

NEW YORK COCOA

	Close	Change
May	7.71 N	—

The last trading day for May cocoa is May 22.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

	Close	Change
May	2.47b/48a	2.48b/50a 01 up
July	2.47b/48a	2.50b/51a 03 up

Volume of business done: 668 lots.

The last trading day for No. 3 Sugar is May 23.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

	Close	Change
July	79b/79 1/2	79 1/2/80a 00 1/2 up

The last trading day for No. 4 Sugar is May 1.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

	Close	Change
July	11.46b	11.46b unch.

NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL

	Close	Change
July	9.75/77	9.83b/84a 08 up

NEW YORK LARD

	Close	Change
September	9.40b	9.45/52 05 up

NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER

	Close	Change
July	7.27/27	7.37b/40a 10 up

The First Notice Day for September black pepper is Aug. 26 and last trading day is September 23.

N.Y. Official Silver unquoted 34-3/4

N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/4 4.08-1/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, May 5.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1962)	103-11/16
Defence Loan, 3%	101 1/2
Antoinette-Klown Rly. 5%	9
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	39
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/41	38
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	40
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	20 1/2
Chinese 5% Recorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	28 1/2
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	7-9
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	48
Yonan Rly. 5%	12
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	13
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	11
Long Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	9
Shanghai-Nanking Rly. 5%	14
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	10
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	10
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	10
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	10
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	19 1/2
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	5 1/2
Chartered Bank	8-11/16
H.K. & Shanghai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	70 1/2
H.K. & Shanghai Bank (Col. Reg.)	70

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, May 5 (Reuter). Govt. 3 1/2% Rupee, 94-08-0.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, May 5 (Reuter). T.T. on Japan, 81-1/2.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

MAY 6, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	5 1/2	Kennecott Copper	32 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	20 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	31 1/2
Allis Chalmers	25 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	21 1/2
Amer. Can.	80	Loew's Inc.	29 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	34 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	27
Amer. & Foreign Power	16	Montgomery Ward	31 1/2
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	16	National Aviation	7 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	11 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	12 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	15 1/2	National Distillers	17 1/2
Amer. Radiator	8	Nat. Power & Light	6
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	National Supply Corp.	5
Amer. S'ing and B'ing Co.	37 1/2	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	15 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	150	N. American Aviation	12 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	57 1/2	North American Co.	—
Amer. Waterworks	4 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Anacosta Copper	23 1/2	Packard Motors	2 1/2
Armstrong T. & S. Fe.	29 1/2	Paramount Pictures	11 1/2
Aviation Corp.	2 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	24 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	13 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	40 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Pullman Inc.	23 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	9 1/2	Pure Oil	9 1/2
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	3 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	70 1/2	Reading Company, Com.	14 1/2
Bliss & Co.	14 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	13 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Borg-Warner	17 1/2	Republic Steel	17 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	19	Reynold Tobac. "B"	29 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	3 1/2	Schenley Distillers	8 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	3 1/2	Shell Union Oil	13 1/2
Celanese	20 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil	9 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	36 1/2	Southern Pacific	12 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	56 1/2	Southern Rly. \$5 pf.	24 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	2 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	27 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	25 1/2	Standard Brands	5 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	7 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	4 1/2
Consolidated Edison	19 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	36 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Studebaker Corp.	4 1/2
Copperweld Steel	14 1/2	Swift International	18
Curtis Wright (C)	8 1/2	Tecnicolor	8 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	66 1/2	Texas Corp.	37 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	139 1/2	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Eagle Richer Lead	7 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	5 1/2
Elec. Autolite	27	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	2	Union Pacific	7 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	57 1/2	United Aircraft	37 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pf.	63	United Airlines Trans.	10 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	32 1/2	United Corp.	1
Flintkote	12 1/2	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	21 1/2
Gen. Electric	28 1/2	United Gas Improvement	7
Gen. Motors	37 1/2	U.S. Rubber	21
Gen. Railway Signal	11 1/2	U.S. Steel	52 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	10	Vanadium	23 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	12	Vulcan Aircraft	4 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	17 1/2	Walworth Co.	4 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	13 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2
Great Northern Rly. pf.	26 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	8 1/2
Great Western Sugar	22 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	28 1/2
Int. Nickel	24 1/2	Chase National Bank	25 1/2
Int. Paper & Power	13 1/2	National City Bank	25 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	2 1/2	Libby, McNeill & Libby	—
Johnsman	58 1/2		

DOW JONES AVERAGE

1940/41			May 6, 1941.				
High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	May 5,	High	Low	Close	Change
162.80	111.84	30 Industrials	115.65	116.30	114.97	115.84	29 up
32.97	22.15	20 Rails	28.68	28.90	28.58	28.73	06 up
26.45	17.80	20 Utilities	17.85	17.77	17.68	17.67	18 off
92.19	82.08	40 Bonds	91.74	91.75	91.75	01 up	
66.73	49.74	11 Commodity Index	65.73	66.01	66.01	28 up	
			Business Done—490,000 shares				

Business Done: 420,000 shares

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, May 5 (Reuter).
Silver—Small trade demand satisfied by production selling. Market steady. In the afternoon the market was idle with no business.

Spot, 23-1/2d.
Forward, 23-1/2d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, May 5 (Reuter).
Market—Quiet. Offtake 100 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 62-15
May 21 Settlement 62-15
June 20 Settlement 63-00

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, May 5 (Reuter).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, £269-3/8.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, £265-7/8.

Market easier, reflecting easiness in the East and America and reduction of Ministry's cash limit, whereafter initial lower business the Ministry finally sold at broader forward demand, stiffening the market generally. After hours—40 tons at £269 1/2 and £268 1/2, paid and sellers.

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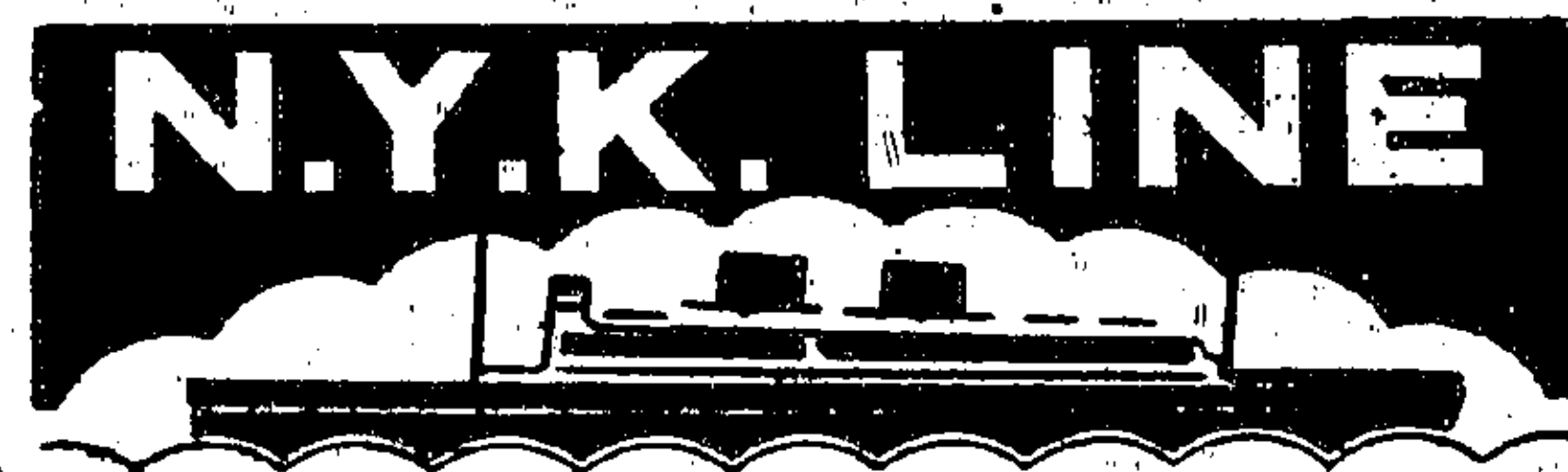
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* HAKODATE MARU ... Monday, 19th May

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NAZIS ANXIOUS TO HAVE SYRIA AS ARMY BASE

ZURICH, May 6 (Reuter).—Political circles here assume that Germany is anxious to have permission to use Syria as a military base.

No authoritative information, however, is available in connexion with Germany's proposals to Vichy which were handed by Herr Otto Abetz, the Nazi Ambassador to France, to Admiral Darlan, the Vichy Foreign Minister, during the week-end.

PARIS CONFAB

LONDON, May 6 (Reuter).—The Swiss radio reports from Vichy that Admiral Darlan, who left yesterday afternoon for Paris, is accompanied by two diplomatic advisers.

The announcer said that the diplomatic negotiations which Admiral Darlan will conduct in Paris are of far-reaching importance for the future of French-German relations.

CITIES OF REFUGE

The Salvation Army plan to establish "Cities of Refuge" in big centres throughout the country after the war. They will shelter men and women who have been unable to continue the "struggle for existence."

The scheme was announced at the Mansion House by General Carpenter, at a meeting which marked the completion of 50 years' social work by the "Army" all over the world.

"We hope," he said, "that out of all this anguish, misery, and destruction a brighter and better world will be born—but whatever shape a new social order may take, there will still be human misfits."

The "Cities of Refuge" will be modelled on the Salvation Army's special organisation in Paris, which can accommodate nearly 600 men, women, and children.

FARM TRAINING

On small farms "socially sick" men and women could be taught to grow fruits, flowers, and vegetables.

General Carpenter estimates the cost of 20 "Cities of Refuge" at about £1,000,000.

It is 50 years since General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, started a £100,000 fund to tackle the problem of what he was the first to call "The submerged tenth"—the down-and-outs.

"IMPOSSIBLE" TASK

BOSTON.—There are many reasons why you can buy an electric light bulb today for 15 cents that as late as 1931 would have cost you 40 cents and only deliver half the present quantity of light.

One reason is the joke old-timers in General Electric's lamp division used to play on new engineers, youngsters fresh out of college, who hadn't yet learned about things that can't be done.

New researchers were assigned the "impossible" task of frosting bulbs on the inside. Such a bulb would collect less dust and grease, would diffuse more light with less absorption. Because everyone knew it couldn't be done each perspiring neophyte researcher soon forgave the snickers greeting his failure.

But one day, so the story goes, Marvin Pipkin was initiated. He

CHINA COAST SHIPPING

Speculation On Reported Soviet Plans

SHANGHAI, May 6 (Reuter).—In view of the acute dearth of bottoms, the reported Soviet plans to place nine Soviet vessels in service between Shanghai and southern waters have aroused considerable interest here.

The vessels are said to be arriving in Shanghai shortly from Vladivostok, bringing large cargoes of daily necessities and will then be put into service for the transportation of general freight between Shanghai and such points as Manila and Saigon and possibly farther east.

It is also reported that the Soviet authorities are planning to open an office here to handle shipping business.

If the Soviet plan is true, it is believed that it would provide a great reduction in the price of such commodities as rice and coal, and might have a salutary effect on living costs and freight rates, which are at present prohibitive.

TOWN AND COUNTRY

LONDON.—The evacuation of English children is setting right a lot of mistaken ideas regarding children. The whole world harbours the insistent and entirely erroneous idea that all children love green fields and dote on rural life.

The Cockney child actually very soon becomes homesick for its lamp standards and pavements. It pines for cinemas and fried fish shops.

It finds the wide open spaces bleak and unsatisfactory, is afraid of the country animals, and cannot understand a form of life when it is not able to spend its spare time in the cinema or playing hopscotch on convenient pavement squares.

Its roller-skating activities are limited because of the bumpiness of the roads, it finds life unpleasantly dark at nights, and believes that owls are ghosts come to haunt it.

In one rural parish a horse appeared. There was no shop for five miles, and going to school meant a tour over fields parallel with an interesting river which had drowned three children in twenty-five years.

And these children drink beer; they were shocked at finding no convenient pub. One child became hysterical because he could not have beer with his supper.

SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

MAY 6 (Reuter).—Information reaching authoritative Yugoslav circles here declares that considerable dissatisfaction is rife among Croat supporters of Hitler's new order in view of the action of Italy and Hungary in seizing large slices of Croatia although the whole territory had been promised as an independent republic.

fell for the gag, hook line, sinker and pole. And he not only found a way to frost bulbs on the inside, but developed an etching acid which gave minute rounded pits instead of sharp-angled depressions, thus materially strengthening each bulb.

No one told him it couldn't be done and he took it so seriously he did it.

ARCTIC MALADY GRIPS GERMAN TROOPS

OSLO (via New York).—Hundreds of German troops stationed in northern Norway are being invalided home with the mysterious Arctic malady known as "Lappon disease."

The Military Psychiatric Institute in Berlin, it was announced, is trying to find a way to protect soldiers from the illness which takes the form of severe nervous breakdown followed by complete lethargy, resembling sleeping sickness.

LACK OF VITAMINS

It is believed to be caused by the long Arctic night, lack of vitamins, solitude and boredom, and it sometimes leads to violent lunacy.

It seems that the morale of German soldiers in the occupied countries is becoming so seriously affected by inactivity that Hitler has ordered the "expenditure of millions of pounds" on German "soldiers' homes" to be established everywhere between the "North Cape and the Bay of Biscay."

The first twelve "homes" are to be built in northern Norway.

VITAMINS IN BREAD

Admirers of old-fashioned bread point out that not only does today's mass-produced bread taste as pallid as it looks, but that it is less nutritious than the kind mother made. The bleached white flour U.S. bakers use contains only 12 to 15 per cent. as much vitamin B1 as whole-wheat flour.

Recently the National Research Council, a group of scientists organised by Woodrow Wilson in 1916 for Preparedness, announced that part of this deficiency will soon be made up, declares Time.

Crystalline thiamin, which is vitamin B1, together with iron and nicotinic acid, will be generally restored to white flour by millers this month. Cost: two-tenths of a cent per pound loaf.

The British Government ordered thiamin into bakers' recipes in July 1940. But Britons eat much more bread than Americans, get a more useful dose of B1 to "buck up" their war-strained health.

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From 7 to 13 May 1941.

Days of Week	Days of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Wed.	7	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		06 28	11	—	—
		17 53	6 6	12 14	3 3
Thu.	8	07 01	5 8	0 44	1 9
		19 13	5 6	13 17	2 5
Fri.	9	07 40	5 2	01 26	2 0
		20 17	5 6	14 08	1 8
Sat.	10	08 19	5 7	02 04	2 1
		21 19	5 5	14 56	1 1
Sun.	11	08 57	5 2	02 39	2 3
		22 14	5 4	15 43	0 8
Mon.	12	09 37	5 0	03 18	2 5
		23 2	5 1	16 20	0 4
Tues.	13	10 18	5 6	03 52	2 7
		—	—	17 18	0 3

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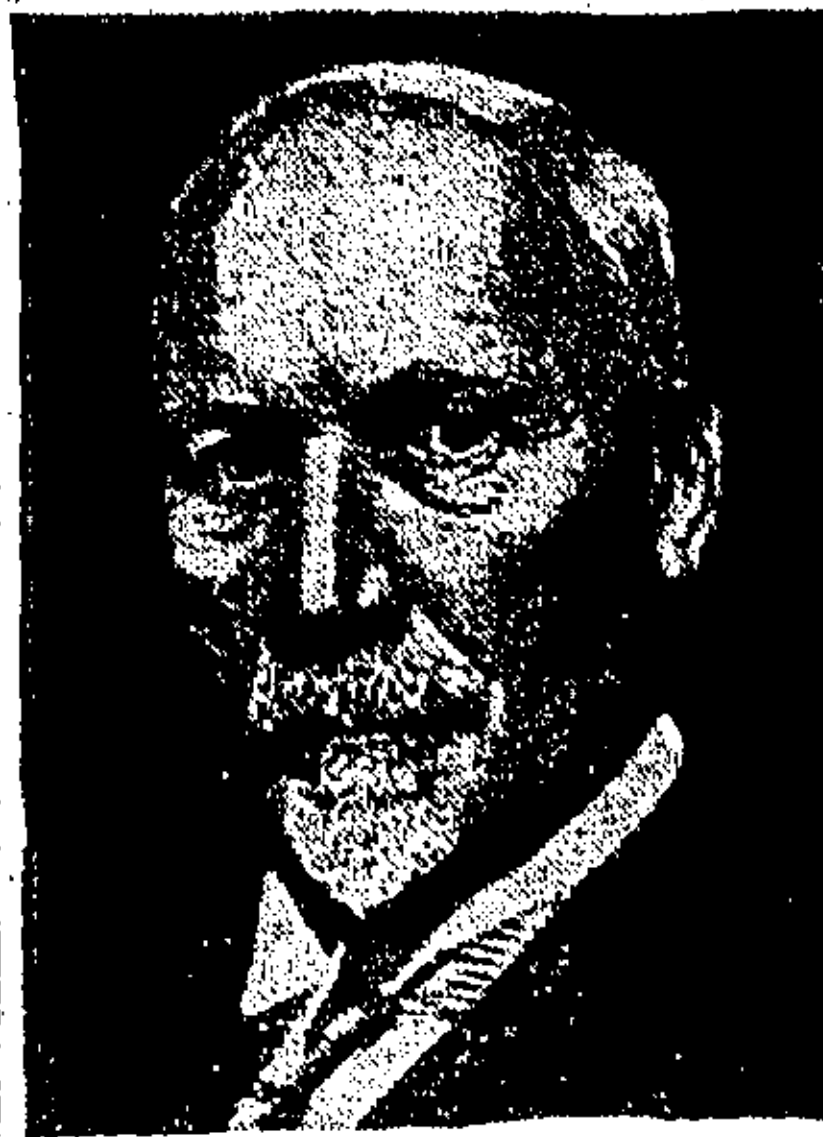
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**GENERAL SMUTS****American
Participation
In The War**CAPETOWN, May 6 (Reuter)—
"America will come into the war,"
said General Smuts, the South
African Premier, in the Senate
yesterday, "not as a result of propa-
ganda but because her people
feel that she should participate.""No nation which thinks of the
future can remain out of the war,"
Stressing his belief in future co-
operation between nations, Gen.
Smuts said "I don't see any one
nation playing top dog over all the
rest."The day must surely come, he
said, when America, Great Britain
and the Commonwealth of Nations
must be very much closer than in
the past.He blamed the spirit of com-
petition among nations and the
desire of one nation to play over-
lord for "the present catastrophic
happenings."**CLUB HANDICAP
DOUBLES**Only one tennis match—the
semi-final of the Club Handicap
Doubles—was played yesterday in
which C. H. R. Oxley and Dr. A.
H. Barwell defeated R. H. Blake
and H. C. D. Knight by 6-3, 6-1.
They will now meet T. C. Mon-
aghan and T. J. Gould in the final.**TODAY'S FINAL**The Tsui brothers—Wai-pui and
Yan-pui—will contest the Singles
title this afternoon at the Stand
Court. It has been predicted that
the younger brother will beat his
brother.MADRID, May 6 (Reuter)—
Senor Valentin Galarza is ap-
pointed Minister of Interior which
office was vacant since Senor
Suner became the Foreign Secre-
tary.**SOCCER REFEREES SEEK
INCREASE IN FEES**A number of suggestions for submission to the annual meeting
of the Hongkong Football Association were adopted at the final
monthly meeting of the HONGKONG FOOTBALL REFEREES' AS-
SOCIATION held at Hotel Cecil last night.Among the suggestions were an all-round increase in fees; that
fees or medals be given for all charity matches; travelling expenses
of officials for all matches to be paid; that, as the Army and Navy
have no local handbook, rules for the Kotewall Cup be included in
the H. K. F. A. handbook.The other suggestions ask that
the Association give written in-
formation as to whether a referee
is the sole judge whether a ground
is fit for play and that grounds in
Happy Valley be marked on the
day of League matches instead of
during the week.**OFFICIAL LINESMEN**A suggestion was also put for-
ward that in a match between
teams running neck-to-neck in
the championship official linesmen
be appointed.Last night's speaker was Mr.
Hugh A. Beard, Chairman of the
Association, who spoke on "Human
Nature in Association Football."
The speaker was thanked by Mr.
D. Kossick who remarked that the
attendance was very encouraging
and was one of the best of the
season.Speaking of the impending de-
parture from the Colony of C. S. M.
Minihan, the chairman spoke in
warm tone of his work and said
he had done splendid work on the
committee and as Hon. Secretary
of Army Referees Committee and
had earned all the respect of all
genuine workers and followers of
soccer here. He thanked C. S. M.
Minihan for his loyal services and
wished him the best of luck and
continued success in the soccer
world.Mr. W. M. Glover (for the Navy
and R. M.), Mr. Kossick (for the
civilians), Mr. F. J. da Silva (sec-
retary) and the Rev. S. Hinchcliffe
(for the Army) associated them-
selves with the chairman's re-
marks.A short and highly informative
talk on "Advice to Referees on Re-
gistration and Promotion" was
given by Mr. M. Minihan.**MR. BEARD'S TALK**Mr. Beard said, in part:—
At past meetings we have listen-
ed to many interesting talks on
the duties of Referees, and on
many other subjects concerning
Association Football and we have
discussed, at some time, or other,
every one of the "Laws of the
Game" as well as, most of the
official decisions, advice to referees,
secretaries and players, together
with the fine Memorandum in the
Referees' Chart for the guidance
of Referees but, after all this, I
consider that one of the most
important things which it is neces-sary for a referee to possess is a
good sense of human nature and
I am of the firm opinion that it is
most necessary for every referee to
make a study of human nature.There are games in which it is
necessary for the referee to find
out, as quickly as possible, the
temperaments of the majority of
the players on the field, and when
one realises there is only a maxi-
mum of 70 minutes, in most
games in the Colony, in which this
can be done, it is no mean task
especially when one must take
into consideration the fact that
every one of the 22 players may be
"weighing up" the referee with an
equally keen sense of human na-
ture. In most games the referee
has to do most of his summing up
within the first 10 or 15 minutes.**NO REAL BADNESS**To explain just what I am driv-
ing at, take the player who, on the
spur of the moment, brings down
his man in a way not allowed by
the Book. Very often it is quite
obvious, although it was inten-
tional, there was no real badness
in his tackle and, in these cases,
I find as a general rule, a word of
warning, when you are next near
this player, all that is necessary.
I find the same kind of warning
is generally all that is required in
the case of the chap who gets so
keen as to be dangerous.Then we get the player who
cannot stand being beaten by a
better man without having to show
his resentment in no uncertain
manner. Here, I most certainly
consider it advisable the referee
should, on the very first occasion,
be very definite in the way he
informs the player that he has
seen the offence, and there will
not be another one allowed to
happen without the offender being
told to "Go!"**REFEREE'S "FRIEND"**There is also the player who
apparently is the Referee's best
friend, while he is looking, but
is up to all the nasty tricks pos-
sible when the Referee's back is
turned. This type of player is
the one, to my mind, who gives
the Ref., his big chance of proving
that he is equal to his job.Now I must speak of the player
whom I consider the most trouble-
some: the man with the perma-
nent air of injured innocence; you
must all have experienced such a
player.You will often find that this
type of player is quite aware of
just how far he can go, without
actually committing a definite
offence, and keeps within the
limit.**SOMETHING FOR NOTHING**Now for a word about the play-
er who tries to bluff the referee
into giving something for nothing,
and by that I do not mean his
feet.How often have you said to
yourself: "WAS HE TRIPPED?"
"IS HE REALLY HURT?" and you
have to make your mind up in a
fraction of a second. It is cer-
tainly possible, especially in the
case of injury, for a player to
bluff you the first time, as to his
degree of injury, but if a close
watch is kept on the quick way in
which he recovers, well — do not
let him bluff you a second time!In conclusion, I would like to
refer to incidents which make it
difficult to act against human na-
ture: Take the case of a goal-
kick, after a scramble on the
goal line, and an appeal is made
for a corner and a defending
player tells you the ball came off
his foot before going out of play.
Now it is only human nature to
admire that player for his honesty
and act upon his word BUT it is
also very essential to bear in mind
how this might re-act.Let us suppose a goal is awarded
later in the same match against
this defending player's side and
the same player comes up and
tells the referee that the scorer of
the goal handled the ball before
scoring.If you HAD acted on his version
of the corner incident by chang-
ing your decision, isn't it only
logic for the man to expect you to
take his word and act on it when
it is to the advantage of his own
side? The moral is, I am sure,
obvious to all — **MAKE YOUR
OWN DECISIONS AND STICK TO
THEM.****FOREIGN MAILS**

HONGKONG WEDNESDAY, 7th MAY, 1941.

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ed for persons other than the addressee.The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is
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**NO FOREIGNER
INJURED IN
NINGPO**SHANGHAI, May 6 (Reuter)—
The only foreign property damag-
ed in the Japanese occupation of
Ningpo belonged to two British-
owned missions, this was revealed
by Major Kishinami, Japanese
Liaison Officer, charged with the
protection of foreign lives and
property in the Ningpo area, at a
Press conference this evening.He said two bombs fell on the
grounds of the Chetung Middle
School, run by the British Metho-
dist Mission, blowing out all the
windows and slightly damaging
the roof, and another two bombs
fell on the compound of a small
church owned by the Christians'
mission, badly damaging the
structure and killing the Chinese
pastor.Major Kishinami declared these
properties were unavoidably ex-
posed to Japanese shells and
bombs because of the close
proximity of the Chinese defence
positions in which stubborn re-
sistance was offered.He added however, not a single
of the 60 foreigners residing in
Ningpo was hurt.**BEST PUBLICISED
BRITISH EFFORT**BUENOS AIRES, May 6 (Reuter)—
"Heavens, but can't they walk!"
was the universal exclamation at
the preview of the British manne-
quins brilliantly staged at the
leading hotel here on Monday for
the Press at which many socialites
gate-crashed to get a preview.It was the best publicised and
best produced British effort ever
seen in Argentine.The "outstanding" "hits" were
Lord Willington's niece, Rosemary
Chance, Miss Gethin and Dolores
who took the audience by storm.
The fresh beauty of England's
mannequins has thrilled the town.Printed and Published by Henry Lloyd Murrow, for the Hongkong
Daily Press, Ltd., at Marina House, third floor, 18-19, Queen's
Road, Central, Hongkong. London Office: 14, Fleet Street, E.C.4.**Government Rice Control
Must Be Immediate**

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of all shipments ever exami-
ned? I ask, this because I know
for a fact that the best grade
of rice can be, and is, landed
here at \$11 per picul, or \$4
lower than that fixed by Gov-
ernment."Referring to the Government
notification, he said: "Why wait
until June 1? Why not make a
start immediately? Four weeks is
a long time for the very poor to
wait for relief, and a sufficient
period for unscrupulous dealers to
reap a fortune!"**DRASTIC REMEDY NEEDED**"A drastic situation needs a
drastic remedy, and dealers who
have been swindling the public,
especially at a time like the pre-
sent, do not deserve any considera-
tion. Why tell them 'Get rid of
your stocks at the highest price
you can get during the next four
weeks, as we are going to step in
and put a check to your profit-
ing business?'""Surely with all the wide
powers vested in themselves,
under the Emergency Regula-
tions, Government could step
in immediately and requisition
all rice stocks in the Colony
(at import price plus a small
margin of profit) and cancel
all import permits. If I re-
member rightly, that is exactly
what the Firewood Control-
ler is doing."**IMMEDIATE ACTION**The necessity of Govern-
ment taking immediate action
instead of waiting until June 1
was also emphasised by the
Director of a leading Chinese
retail store employing over 200
persons for whom the firm has
to provide food."If action is not taken quickly,"
he said, "I have exceedingly grave
fears of riots taking place. Every-
body, poor or rich, must eat. If
they cannot afford to buy rice,
they will try to steal it. If the
situation gets too bad, the plight
of the coolie class, earning about
40 to 50 cents per day and having
nothing from five to ten months
to feed, will be so desperate that
the possibility of rice riots cannot
be precluded. I sincerely hope
that the Chinese members on the
Legislative Council will urge upon
the Government the necessity of
immediate action when this ques-
tion comes up for discussion at
the meeting on Thursday."**CHAOTIC STATE**Inquiries made by a Hongkong
Daily Press reporter, revealed an
exceedingly chaotic state of
affairs in the rice market, with
Government orders openly flouted.
Rice was quoted at between \$18 to
\$26 per picul.Government rice was only sold
by the shops in 50-cent lots. Many
shops claimed to be out of stock
of this rice, although deliveries had
been made to them a few minutes
previously. The reason for this, it
was learnt, was that all Govern-
ment rice is kept overnight before
being offered for sale by the re-
tailers. The quality, in the mean-
time, has been somewhat changed.Private stocks—that is, non-
Government rice—are sold in
any quantity, at prices rang-
ing from \$20.10 per picul for
the really Grade 1 quality to
\$18.20 for the so-called Grade 2.
There was no rice offered
at less than \$18.20—or five
catties and eight taels for
\$11!